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Southern's budget increases by $2 million

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

Some lawmakers are working to allocate $2 million more to Missouri Southern's baseline fund for 2004.

The Missouri Senate approved its version of the fiscal year 2004 budget April 23. To balance the budget, the Senate adopted a two-tiered format that includes line items for each state department. In this version, the Senate allocated more than $1 billion to public colleges and universities. Each institution succumbed to the same across-the-board cut of 10.8 percent.

A baseline equity adjustment was made to the budgets of Southern, Missouri Western State College, Northwest Missouri State University and Southwest Missouri State University.

"Although Missouri Southern's wasn't the largest in numbers it was the largest percentage-wise," said Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin).

The Coordinating Board of Higher Education reported that these institutions have been underfunded in the past. The increases in funding were based on the CBHE's recommendations. Southern's baseline was increased by $2,327,209, making it $21,548,228. After the Senate's budget cut of 10.8 percent the College would be appropriated $19,221,019 for FY 2004.

"It (the extra funding) would help a lot obviously," said College President Julio León. "We're very pleased Sen. Nodler has managed to arrange for that. But there's still two weeks to go and anything can happen."

The Senate also passed a revenue enhancement package April 30 that gave the budget $200 million more to work with. Around $35 million will go toward higher education.

León said although the extra funding would help, the College won't base tuition on it until it has been finalized.

"We certainly have to wait and see what transpires," he said. "There's just too many issues between the House and the Senate, and they both have different approaches to what should be done."

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University Status Update

The Senate bill that would change Missouri Southern's name to Missouri Southern State University-Joplin is currently third on the list for House discussion. For information about the progress of the name change bill, visit:

http://www.moga.state.mo.us

Dean decides to step down in business

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

It was an easy decision for Jim Gray, dean of the school of business.

He wanted to be a grandfather.

And, to do that, he needed more time.

Gray will step down from his position next fall to teach in the classroom. He's held the position as dean for 13 years.

Jim Gray
Dean of the School of Business

"I wanted to be a grandfather to those four kids," Gray said. "The oldest one plays soccer in Kansas City. I want to go watch him play."

Gray has been planning to step down for two years. Although his choice is not retirement, it is his opportunity to spend time with family.

"Family has always been important to me," Gray said.

Gray came to Missouri Southern in 1969 as an

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SIGMA PI PAINTING

Jessica Firor/The Chart

Ryan Dexter, senior political science major, along with other Sigma Pi brothers and pledges, paint the wall in front of the Learning Center.

CAB plans outside scheduled meeting times

BY JEFF REID
Executive Editor

Some of the activity plans have been discussed outside the scheduled Campus Activities Board meeting times.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said many times, the general meeting, held at 2 p.m. on Mondays, adjourns until reporters from *The Chart* leave, then members present go into another session.

"Decisions aren't really made," Blackford said, "but people feel that's a safer time to put out ideas."

Jonathan BeVille, junior mass communications major, thinks CAB's decision to exclude *The Chart* is unwise.

"I think the more students that know about CAB, the better," BeVille said. "You can't do something about what you don't know about."

When asked why more proposals are not put to a vote by the students present, Blackford said she tries to steer away from voting.

"Something could get voted through, and if I don't feel it's a good idea, or the people above me don't feel it's a good idea, it will get stopped," she said.

She presented a similar argument for the reason as to why CAB officers are not elected by a majority vote, but rather appointed by herself, two other faculty members and two student Board members.

Blackford also said the selection of officers has been handled in this fashion since before she came here.

Jeremy Sturgell, interim CAB president, thinks the current method is the best.

"In the past, they (CAB) have had very specific chairs," Sturgell said, "It would be problematic if it were done by election."

CAB receives its funding from student activity fees, which each student at Missouri Southern is required to pay. While Blackford could not provide exact figures, she estimated the budget surplus to be approximately $8,000.

"We will roll the surplus money over into next year's budget," Blackford said. "It will be used for activities and events next year, so none of it is going to waste."

While Blackford admits there have been some problems, she doesn't want students to be alarmed and hopes to see more people attend the meetings.

"I want to put a disclaimer with the (CAB) constitution," she said. "I don't want to say the rules have gone out the window, but this has obviously been a transition year."

Pre-enrollment figures decline for fall 2003

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

The numbers are in for Missouri Southern, and it doesn't look good for the College.

Compared to last year's figures, preregistration is down 188 students. Dr. Larry Martin, vice president for academic affairs, said enrollment for the spring semester was down by 316 students compared to last year.

"If you have few numbers to pre-enroll, you have fewer numbers pre-enrolled," Martin said.

He said those 188 students may not have attended Southern this semester to pre-enroll. Martin said one way to curb the downturn in pre-enrollment is by contacting the students and asking why they haven't enrolled.

Dr. John Messick, dean of the school of arts and sciences, agrees with this procedure. Messick sends out a list of advisees with telephone num-

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Debater reaches national status in NFA championships

BY NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

Debate team members argued their way to national status for their team and for one of their own.

Jeremy Hollingshead, junior finance economics major, won first place in the National Forensics Association national championships.

Hollingshead competed in the Lincoln-Douglas debate division of the national tournament over the general resolution the "Poverty Policy in the United States."

"It basically pays off seven years of work," Hollingshead said.

Hollingshead has been debating since he was in high school. He made his way to the quarter finals his freshman year and was part of the top 32 debaters his sophomore year.

Hollingshead made it to first place this year through 11 rounds and was the top debater in a tournament of 95 students from 85 schools in 20 states.

"I think we put our name on the map," Hollingshead said. "Some of the big schools learned who we were."

His debate coach agrees.

"It (winning first place) represents that college debate in Missouri and at Southern can be competitive," said Kelly Larson, assistant professor of communications and director of forensics.

Both Larson and Hollingshead said they were tense, but not overly surprised during the announcement of Hollingshead's top placement.

Larson said many opportunities and possibilities will be opened for Hollingshead because of his placement at nationals.

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Special to The Chart

Jeremy Hollingshead won NFA nationals.

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 71
Low: 47

SUNDAY
Rain
High: 68
Low: 50

For complete weather, turn to Page 2

ONLINE

Log on to www.thechartonline.com to take this week's poll question:
What will you being doing for summer vacation?

Trip goes on despite SARS

BY MANDI STEELE
International Editor

Despite a travel advisory and the threat of SARS, Aaron Baker still plans to intern in China.

Baker, junior international business major, plans to spend 14 weeks of his summer in Guangzhou, China, interning for Leggett & Platt.

He will be learning about the company's operations and training for a possible future management position with the company.

Baker doesn't believe he's putting his health in jeopardy by visiting China during the SARS outbreak.

"I'm not worried about it," he said.

He doesn't see the trip as a "real risk," because he said compared to the population of China and the number of outbreaks, the people who have been infected with SARS is a small percentage.

"I follow it every day," he said. "I check to see what the latest statistics are on the number of people who have been infected."

Only if the number of deaths from SARS soars into the thousands will Baker decide to cancel or postpone his trip, he said.

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome is a flu-like disease that has no known cure. It has infected more than 5,500 people in nearly 30 countries and an estimated 350 people have died from SARS.

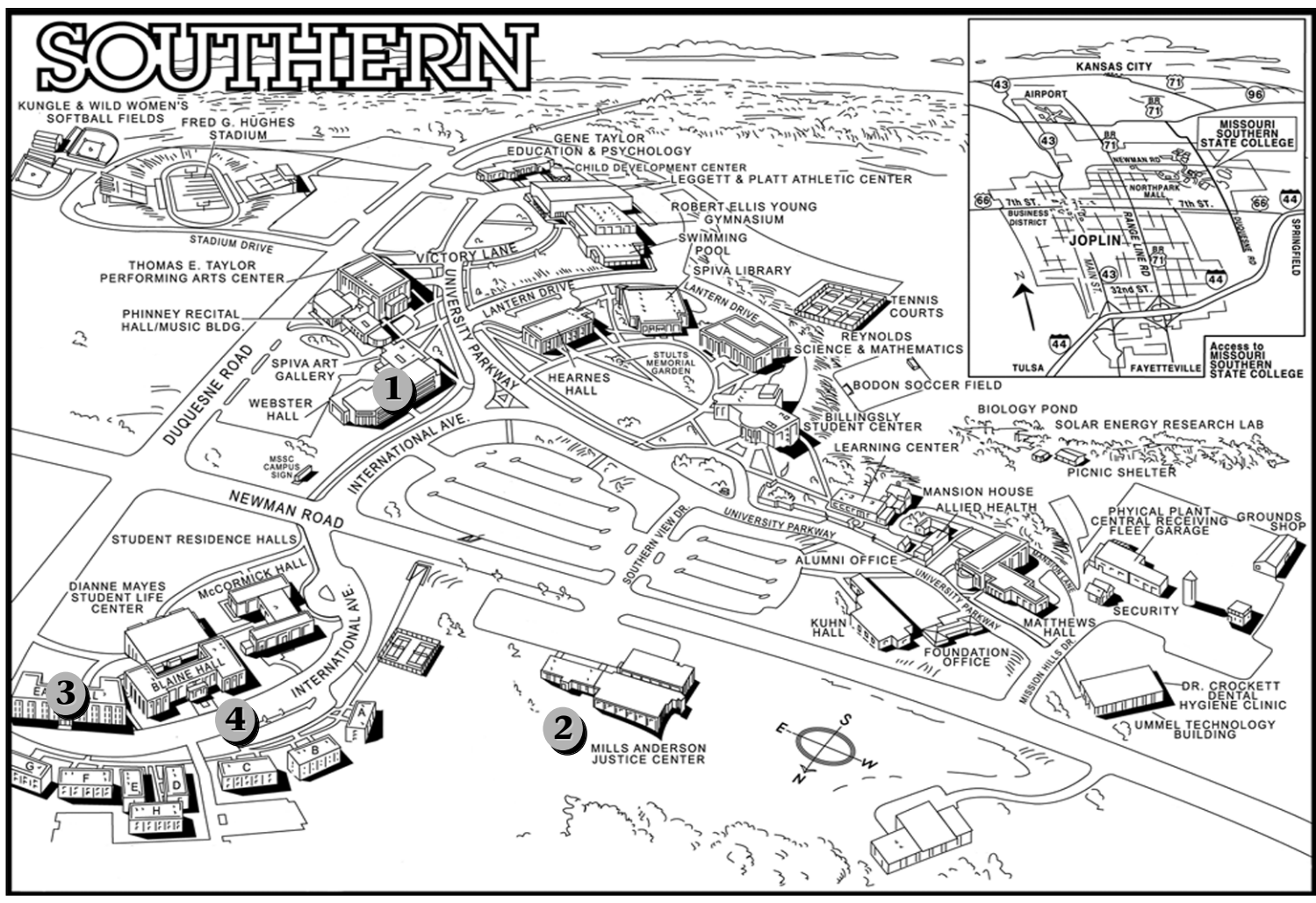
The Chamber Choir had to cancel its trip to China because of the SARS threat. The Institute for International Studies has a policy that doesn't allow students to fly to a country with a travel warning in place.

Baker said several other students were planning to study Chinese this summer at a China university but were unable to go after the Institute pulled their funding. Baker isn't receiving funding from Southern, because Leggett & Platt is sponsoring his trip.

"I think students deal with international travel in a number of different ways," said Dr. Pat Kluthe, honors program director.

She said many students were scared to travel after 9-11 and the war with Iraq, but others, like Baker, still insist on traveling.

Since Baker is an honors student, Kluthe was told about his internship opportunity. She believes Leggett & Platt wanted Baker for the internship after the company found out he had a minor in Chinese.



Truck found covered with cling wrap

1 **Fire Alarm**

04/25/03

10:45 a.m.

Security dispatch received a call saying the fire alarm had been activated in Webster Hall. Security and maintenance workers found the first floor stairwell smoke detector had been set off. It was determined that smokers outside the building had set off the alarm. The detector was cleared and the alarm reset.

2 **Disturbance**

04/25/03

11:30 p.m.

Two students were seen riding a four-wheeler in the field behind the Anderson Justice Center. Security arrived as the students were loading the vehicle onto a trailer to leave. The officer informed the students that such activities were not allowed on College property.

3 **Fire Alarm**

04/28/03

1:35 a.m.

The resident director for East Hall contacted security after the fire alarm was activated in the building. Ingram informed security the alarm had been activated on the third floor of the building, after a curling iron had been left plugged in.

The alarm was reset after discovering there was no fire damage.

4 **Disturbance**

04/29/03

6:15 a.m.

An officer was making rounds when he saw a blue Chevy truck parked in Lot 23 with its front end wrapped in cling wrap. No one was seen in the area, and there are no suspects.

Accessweather.com Local Weather Report — May 2, 2003

Joplin's 7-Day Forecast

Friday — Partly Cloudy — High: 71 Low: 52

Saturday — Partly Cloudy — High: 71 Low: 47

Sunday — Rain / Showers — High: 68 Low: 50

Monday — T-storms — High: 73 Low: 51

Tuesday — Clearing — High: 71 Low: 48

Wednesday — Sunny — High: 73 Low: 45

Thursday — Partly Cloudy — High: 74 Low: 47

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	71	46	71/48	0.00"
Tuesday	71	38	71/48	0.00"
Wednesday	74	50	71/48	0.93"
Thursday	78	52	72/49	0.15"
Friday	58	51	72/49	0.01"
Saturday	72	44	72/49	0.00"
Sunday	82	52	72/50	0.00"

Precipitation for the week .....1.09"
Normal precipitation for the week .....1.05"
Departure from normal for the week .+0.04"
Precipitation for the year .....8.73"
Normal precipitation year to date .....11.58"
Departure from normal for the year ...-2.85"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Weather Trivia

How many times is the Empire State Building struck by lightning?

Answer: On average, more than 20 times per year.

Campus Recreational Forecast

High pressure will bring great weather for outdoor activities today through the early part of this weekend. Skies will be partly cloudy and temperatures will be near normal for this time of year. A cold front will move through our area Sunday and Monday. Mostly cloudy to overcast skies are expected along with a 40 to 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High pressure should regain control of our weather Tuesday, allowing skies to clear. Pleasant weather should continue through Thursday with sunny to partly cloudy skies. High temperatures will be in the upper 60s to mid-70s. Lows will be in the 40s and 50s.

Tanning Index Today

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

UV Index Scale
0-2: Minimal Exposure
3-4: Low Exposure
5-6: Moderate Exposure
7-9: High Exposure
10+: Very High Exposure

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	6:22 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	7:03 a.m.	9:29 p.m.
Sat	6:21 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	7:35 a.m.	10:28 p.m.
Sun	6:19 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	8:12 a.m.	11:27 p.m.
Mon	6:18 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	8:55 a.m.	None
Tue	6:17 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	9:46 a.m.	12:22 a.m.
Wed	6:16 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	10:43 a.m.	1:13 a.m.
Thu	6:15 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	11:46 a.m.	1:59 a.m.

First 5/9 — Full 5/15 — Last 5/22 — New 5/30

Local Precipitation Log

Month	2003	2002	Normal
Jan	0.30	3.09	1.74
Feb	2.53	0.72	2.12
Mar	2.97	2.65	3.10
Apr	2.93	4.10	4.10
May	------	13.60	4.96
Jun	------	4.71	5.07
Jul	------	4.87	3.73
Aug	------	1.14	3.58
Sep	------	1.64	4.97
Oct	------	2.30	3.50
Nov	------	0.56	3.18
Dec	------	2.10	2.54
Total	**8.73**	**41.48**	**42.59**

All precipitation is in inches

Weather History

May 1, 1989 - Thunderstorms produced heavy rain in the southeastern United States. Rainfall totals of 1.84 inches at Charlotte, N.C. and 2.86 inches at Atlanta were records for the date. Strong thunderstorm winds uprooted trees in Twiggs County, Ga.

National Weather Summary This Week

An area of low pressure with a trailing cold front will make its way through the eastern United States to end the week. A band of showers and thunderstorms will develop in association with this system along with breezy conditions. An area of low pressure will spin into the southwestern United States this weekend. Scattered precipitation will occur under mostly cloudy skies. An area of low pressure with an extending cold front will begin to develop across the Great Plains early next week. This system will tap moisture out of the Gulf of Mexico as it moves into the eastern United States by the middle of next week. Consequently, a wide area of showers and thunderstorms will fire-up.

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Science Fair cut due to budget problems

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

With the economy in a declining market for the fourth year in a row, the Missouri Southern Foundation has had to narrow down funding priorities even further.

The Missouri Southern Regional Science Fair has been one of the priorities that has been cut in order to meet budget restrictions.

"There are serious budget difficulties right now," said Dr. Michael Garoutte, science fair director. "We will be looking for outside funding by asking local businesses, hospitals and those with an interest in education and the sciences for assistance."

Previously, the Foundation has funded the $10,000 for the fair each year.

"When we had the money available, we supported it, but we haven't earned enough on our investments to support it. Our first priority is scholarships," said Curt Betebenner, director of the Foundation.

Budget Restrictions

- For the fourth year in a row, the Missouri Southern Foundation has been forced to make budget cuts.

"The way funds are raised are twofold – by donation and the money we make on investments.

"What we find now is that more and more gifts are restricted because of that, many other nice projects get left out in the cold."

The science fair brings high school and junior high school students from Missouri and Kansas to the campus.

"Some of the brightest kids in our area come here for the fair," Betebenner said. "If they visit here and have a good experience, it makes them look at the school. We want to attract the brightest students to Southern."

"But right now, budgets are tight everywhere, resources are spread pretty thin," Garoutte said.

The science fair is affiliated with the International Science and Engineering Fair.

"We send the winner to the International Science and Engineering Fair; this year it was in Cleveland," Garoutte said.

Two students and their instructor were sent. The fair budget covered the cost of the airline tickets and hotel room.

Projects have included research into erosion and transforming bacterial DNA.

"These students do well at the international fair," Garoutte said. "Sometimes they place or get special awards. But even if they don't win, they get to see other students and their projects on that level."

The lack of support from the Foundation has caused an administrative burden as well as financial.

Garoutte had to set up a separate bank account for the fair, get a tax identification number.

"For tax reasons, we had to change the name of the fair to the Missouri Southern Regional Science Fair Association," he said.

Six faculty members sit on the Missouri Southern Regional Science Fair Association Committee: Garoutte, committee head; Dr. Michael Lawson, special awards chair; Dr. Marsi Archer, treasurer; Dr. Karen Plucinski, scientific review committee chair; Dr. Vickie Roettger and Dr. Scott Wells, scientific review committee members.

DRAW YOUR SWORD

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Theatre majors Sarah Scharfenberg, left, and Jan Maldonado practice for their final exam in their stage combat class behind Webster Hall.

Seven Southern staff members decide to retire

BY CRAIG JONES
Staff Writer

The retirement of seven faculty members may take a toll on the depth of experience and expertise at Missouri Southern.

The retiring faculty were recognized May 1 at a reception held in their honor.

Those honored for their years of service to Southern were Dr. Larry Martin, vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Ann Allman, counselor and academic adviser; Dr. Stephen Roark, associate professor of business; Dr. Robert Miller, professor of business; Dr. Bonnie Cox, assistant professor of teacher education; Dr. Nancy Smith, professor of teacher education; and Dr. Philip Whittle, professor of chemistry and director of the Regional Criminalistic Laboratory.

Three of the honorees, Martin, Miller and Whittle, have been at Southern for more than 30 years.

The event, held in the lounge on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center, was hosted by the office of College President Julio León.

"We wanted to take the opportunity to recognize their contributions...to wish them well in their retirement and thank them for everything they've done for Missouri Southern," León said.

The event was organized by Nancy Messick, secretary to the president, and Rod Surber, director of public information.

Messick said relatives of those honored were invited, as well as previous retirees and the Board of Regents

She said the retirees received a formal gift from the College, a plaque, as well as something more personal.

"We try to give a gift they can use, something related to a hobby," she said.

Surber said he had to do a little research among family and colleagues to find some clues about each retiring faculty member.

"We usually get something unique to them...something special," Surber said.

"This year, all the retirees represent 149 years of service to this institution."

"The value that they provide when you look over their years of service, what they've brought to the institution, their dedication and contributions, it's just tremendous.

"To be that consistent and committed over those years says a lot about them and says a lot about the institution that can keep those kind of people.

"You hate to see them go."

A legacy decides it's time

Dr. Larry Martin retires after 38 years

BY ALLISON ROSEWICZ
Editor-in-Chief

Following 38 years of service at Missouri Southern, Dr. Larry Martin, vice president for academic affairs, decided to retire.

"It's been very fulfilling," he said. "Clearly, I've enjoyed being here or I wouldn't have stayed that long. It's a good place to be, it's a good place to live, it's a good place to work."

College President Julio León, said his working relationship with Martin has been great.

"Ever since I first came to this campus and became active in different committees and different task forces, it was always Larry Martin who would be present there," he said. "He was very involved and trusted by his department and the faculty across campus."

Martin began his career at the College as an instructor in the math department. He worked his way up as the department head and then dean of the school of arts and sciences. He was selected as vice president for academic affairs in June 2000. León was involved in choosing Martin for the position.

"That's just an expression of the confidence that I have in him and that the faculty of this whole campus has on his abilities," he said.

Zack Odem, Student Senate president, has become familiar with Martin as the student representative to the Board of Regents and through Student Senate. He said Martin truly cares about students.

"He is an individual, from an administrator's viewpoint, whose door is always open to students," Odem said. "They can always go to Dr. Martin."

Dr. Betsy Griffin, assistant vice president for academic affairs, will replace Martin as interim next year.

Martin and Griffin have worked closely together, and he thinks she will "do fine."

"I believe we think kind of alike," Martin said. "We have similar problem-solving thought processes."

Martin said his best memories at Southern have come from working directly with students.

"That's a very satisfying part of my career," he said.

"It's a good place to be, it's a good place to live, it's a good place to work."

Dr. Larry Martin
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Laura Adkins, mathematics instructor, had Martin as a professor in 1973, and he hired her at the College in December 1979. She said he brought out the best in every student.

"He was an awesome teacher," she said. "I learned a lot about teaching math from him.

Martin has also enjoyed working and learning from his peers and colleagues. As a department head, he welcomed the opportunity to shape other instructors.

But after nearly four decades at the College, Martin is ready for a rest.

"There's no hidden agenda here," he said. "It's just 38 years is a long time. I want to be sure I retire and don't regret that I didn't do it sooner. I want opportunities while health still provides it for my wife and I."

León said Martin will be missed.

"More than anything, we'll miss his sense of professionalism," he said. "We are going to miss this trust and confidence he inspired."

Odem said Martin will be missed mostly because of his knowledge and personal vision for the College.

After retiring, Martin said he would like to do some traveling. But most of all, he is looking forward to having more flexible time.

"It means I can do things on my time schedule rather than someone else's," he said.

Outside of work, Martin has many hobbies. Corvettes are his main interest.

"I like to look at classic cars," he said. "I own one and would like to enjoy it a little more."

Martin is the owner of a 1960 Corvette.

He began saving money for it in 1961, but after contracting mononucleosis, all his money had to go toward hospital bills.

File Photo

In his early years, Dr. Larry Martin worked as an instructor before eventually being promoted to vice president for academic affairs. Martin decided to retire after 38 years of service at Southern.

He also bought an engagement ring for his wife.

In 1985, he began thinking again about purchasing a Corvette. So, in 1987 he and his wife bought one.

"She was OK with it," Martin said. "She came first."

Martin does not show his car, because he prefers to drive it. He does, however, like to attend Corvette shows. He attended the Bloomington Gold show in Bloomington, Ill., for several years before buying his car.

Martin, as well as his two daughters, is an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan.

He began listening to Cardinals' games at age 5, and now attends games about twice a year.

"You talk to him about the Cardinals, and you'll get stories from him from day one," León said.

Martin also enjoys reading and attending church at Central City Christian Church west of Galena, Kan. He teaches an adult Bible class there.

He said the most important aspect of his life, however, is his family. One person he genuinely loves spending time with is his 4-year-old grandson.

"I enjoy watching him learn," he said. "I enjoy teaching him."

Martin said he will miss Southern, but there is a possibility he could one day return to teach math again.

"I want to see what develops for me," he said. "The thing about teaching would be, I would be committed again to time."

León said Martin has been a huge asset to the College and its progress.

"Very few people realize that a lot of difficult work has been done at the academic level," he said. "That work is what determines the progress at an institution, and Dr. Martin has been a very vital part of that."

Adkins said the College will miss Martin's wisdom, enthusiasm, integrity and sense of fairness.

"He's an all-around terrific person," she said. "I hate to see him retiring. He has been such a mentor to so many people. I really admire him."

Editor's Column

Saying fond farewell in order to find self

Allison Rosewicz
Editor-in-Chief

So I'm wishing my fond farewell to *The Chart*, among other things.

I have another year left here at Missouri Southern, but I won't be returning to the College newspaper.

Most outsiders don't understand, but being a member of *The Chart* staff gets in your blood. It can be incredibly exhausting at times, but something inexplicable about it keeps you coming back semester after semester.

And with all we've accomplished this year (fourth in the nation, best college newspaper in the state), it's even more difficult for me to walk away. People often question how I can do so after being editor-in-chief of such a successful newspaper.

This is the only answer I can provide: I'm doing it for myself.

For as long as I can remember, I've lived my life trying to achieve everything others consider an accomplishment. But no matter how much praise I receive from others, nothing I've achieved makes me truly happy for very long.

Instead, I've become tired, mentally and physically. And I've spent so much time trying to become what others want me to be that I've been unable to form real relationships with other people, because I don't even know who I really am.

I've also become incredibly cynical. My philosophy has become, "Never get your hopes up, because then you can't be let down."

Someone recently explained to me the reason I'm this way. He said I'm addicted to what I do, how I feel. The more I thought about what he said, the more sense it made.

I guess it's comparable to a drug addiction. The accomplishment is like the high, so it becomes habit. But coming down is the worst, and eventually the realization arises that you're not naturally happy. You have to find that within yourself, not from some outside resource.

What seems to make me really happy is doing for others. Maybe that's why I fell into the journalism field. Now, however, I know I have to do something for myself.

It's not that *The Chart* makes me unhappy. I definitely am going to miss it — I love the friends I've made here, the valuable experience I've gained, the memories I've made.

But I'm stepping back from several things in my life, and this is one of them. I just need a break.

Not only that, but I need time to work on making the greatest accomplishment of my life: finding myself.

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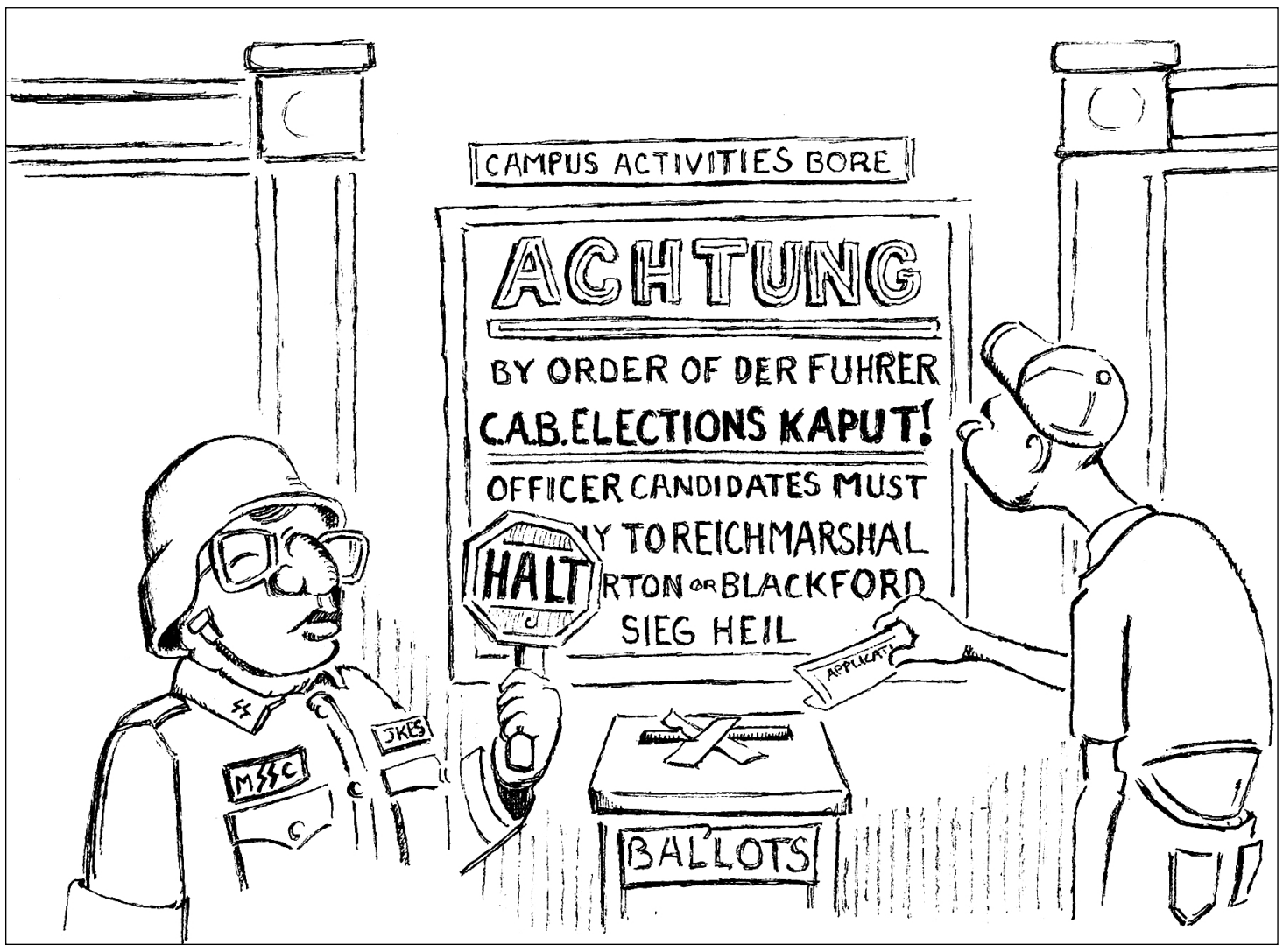

CAB should exercise suffrage

Chart Opinion

The Campus Activities Board has sidestepped democratic ideals.

As usual, instead of holding actual elections for the 2003-04 officers, candidates had to submit resumés and go through interviews. The interviews will be conducted by Julie Blackford, director of student activities; Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation and wellness; and two current CAB officers. These people will then choose the officers.

Hmm, democracy or dictatorship?

As an organization that operates on student-paid fees, and that is mostly composed of Missouri Southern students, this seems highly unfair.

Students who serve on the CAB, if not all students, should have a huge say in who will lead the organization that handles their money.

After the poor turnout to many CAB events this year, that's pretty obvious.

Not to mention, many students are angry the CAB spent so much of their money on these failed events.

Holding undemocratic elections isn't the only CAB indiscretion.

The organization has also been holding secretive meetings following the normal CAB meetings each week. This is most likely a violation of open-meetings laws, as well as the First Amendment rights of not only the press, but each and every student to know the CAB's proceedings. The Missouri Sunshine Laws also protect these rights.

It's time for the CAB regime to end, and fairness to begin again.

Campus Voice

Do you think CAB officers should be elected by students or chosen by CAB administrators?

"If they were elected, it would give students less room to complain about activities, and those that don't care about campus activities don't have to vote."

Anna Flory
Senior
Spanish
Major

"The money used for CAB is taken from every student enrolled at MSSC. It is our money so the decision should be ours to make."

Julie Wilson
Senior
CIS
Major

"CAB officers should be elected by students because they direct the activities that are for students so why not be elected by students."

Terrell Shewmake
Senior
Management
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"I think that CAB officers should be elected by students. The students participate in the activities, so they should have a say in who coordinates those activities."

Jim Salyer
Sophomore
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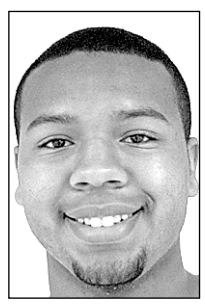

"Since CAB officials plan activities for students, they should be elected and respected by the students. The only way that's possible is if they become elected."

Tristan Fowler
Junior
International
Business
Major

Letter

Textbooks vary on historical facts

This letter is in response to Dr. Larry Cebula's letter concerning our founding fathers. In your letter you listed three specific men as founding fathers. Also, you had a Web site with information that said these men were not Christians. One of the men you listed was Thomas Paine who wrote the pamphlet "Common Sense." Does that make him a founding father? He was not an member of the First or Second Continental Congress, and since he was not a member of the First Continental Congress he didn't sign the Declaration of Independence. Does writing one pamphlet make you a founding father? Would someone who wrote a pamphlet urging Iraqis to rebel be considered a founding father today? Probably not. However, Paine was a self-proclaimed atheist and many older history books will tell you that is why he was not chosen to take part in the Continental Congresses.

Thomas Jefferson was a deist, meaning he believed God created the world and has since sat back and watched not taking a role in day-to-day life. That is why he disagreed with the apostles. Because the apostles taught that God was very involved in everyday life.

Last, you mention George Washington and the fact that you could not find him mentioning God anywhere. Did you know he was an active member of the Free Masons? Also, both John and Samuel Adams, John Hancock and many others were Masons. The Masons of Washington's day focused more on worship ceremonies rather than charity work like they do today.

The thing about reading history books is you are reading what the editor has chosen to put in it and how they feel about what happened. It would be impossible to write an all-exhaustive history book, simply because of the size it would have to be to have everything in the book.

For instance, I have read two different history textbooks and if you look at what they say about Andrew Jackson you will get two very different pictures. One shows him in a positive light and emphasizes his victory at the Battle of New Orleans. The other emphasizes that he broke hundreds, if not thousands, of treaties with the native Americans while president and makes him look like a liar. You see, it all depends on what the editor wants to project.

I had a history teacher tell me once that you should read the oldest books you could find on history for two reasons. First, history does not change. Second, the people writing them probably lived during that time and possibly even knew or met the people they were writing about. That is why when I study history I look for the oldest books.

My point is this, the founding fathers did believe in God even though they probably didn't agree in God's nature. Maybe that is why they chose to give us the freedom to decide for ourselves what we believe and to worship as we please. The more you read, the more you learn, and when you think you know everything, you are probably wrong.

Steve Aikins, Jr
Senior Undecided Major

Wait, there's more!

Check out the online edition of The Chart @ www.thechartonline.com for an In Perspective by Mike Rodgers, assistant professor of English, on reading and writing skills in the American school system.

Netherlands offers seniors new outlook

BY MELISSA MORGAN
Staff Writer

The Webster program allows two Missouri Southern students to study in the Netherlands.

Joshua Estep, senior computer information science major, and Brande Davis, junior international business and Spanish major, spent eight weeks studying at the Webster University of the Netherlands.

Estep and Davis left Jan. 8 and returned March 8.

While there, they took classes in human rights, psychology, economics, marketing, international politics and computer information technology.

This trip was possible because of an agreement between Southern and Webster University that allows students to study at any of the Webster University campuses scattered around the globe.

Davis found out about the trip one week before the application deadline from one of her business instructors. She was immediately interested in the destination for a number of reasons.

"I had traveled internationally before, and I guess I had the travel bug again," she said. "I wanted to go some place different. I'd never been to Europe before, and I was excited that I could travel through the business department."

Estep was interested in the Netherlands because of the lack of a language barrier.

"I was interested just to go, and I knew that they speak a lot of English there," he said. "The English made it easier, but I went there just to see if I could do it."

Estep said all of the people he came in contact with spoke English because all of the students are required to study it as a second language.

Both Estep and Davis had traveled internationally with the help of the College before. Estep studied in Costa Rica during the summer of 2001, and Davis spent a semester in Chile in the fall of 2001.

This trip was different from their other travel abroad experiences because of the small number of students from Southern and the large amount of unstructured free time.

"We were on our own in the Netherlands," Estep said, "In Costa Rica, we were with one of Southern's programs, and there were activities set out for us."

Davis thinks it would have been helpful to have a guide direct students in their sightseeing.

"I didn't have anybody to show me around," she said. "When I was in Chile, a guy who had been there before led us around and took us to all of the major sites. I just keep thinking that I must have missed a lot in the Netherlands because I didn't know what I was looking for."

The culture of the Netherlands was different from anything Estep or Davis had ever encountered before.

"Everyone rides bikes," Davis said. "There are bike lanes and street lights. You would see whole families biking together, moms with kids in front and behind. There are canals running through the cities, and I love the trains that can take you anywhere you want to go."

Both students believe the trip was beneficial for them as people, not just as scholars.

"I realize that there's a lot more going on than I knew about," Estep said. "All of their questions made me learn a lot more about my own culture. It opens your eyes to all of the diversity and different opinions of all the people in the world. I recommend anyone who has the chance to travel outside of the U.S. at least once."

Izumi Sogo/The Chart

International students, Keishi Kiyomoto, Ryo Takatani and Hyo Sun Choi Dianne, chat outside the Mayes Student Life Center.

Summer plans underway

BY MATT CAUFIELD
Staff Writer

As finals approach, many Missouri Southern international students have to decide where and how they will spend their summer.

Some will stay with host families, others will return to their own countries to see family. A few have decided to make some trips around the United States.

Asako Fujiwara, senior international communications major from Kyoto, Japan, hasn't decided where she will stay.

Her aunt lives in Chicago, and her host family lives in Carthage.

"I think I'm going to Chicago," Fujiwara said.

She said she wants to visit Chicago to go sightseeing, but will probably spend the majority of her summer in Carthage with her host family.

Efosa Egonmwan, freshman accounting major, is from Benin City, Nigeria, and plans on returning home for his summer.

He intends to visit friends, go to movies and visit clubs during the summer. He said he may not even return to the United States after summer. If he does return, he plans on attending the University of Missouri-Kansas City, because his mother lives in Kansas City.

Iana Vladimirova, junior accounting major, is from Bulgaria and has many plans for her summer.

"I'm going to take advantage of the Spanish trip that Missouri Southern offers during the month of June," she said.

After her trip to Spain, she wants to go to Bulgaria and visit her family for about a month.

Vladimirova will have extra time off this summer because she plans to attend school in Amsterdam next semester. The college in Amsterdam doesn't start school as early as Southern does.

Monnicca Shanthanelson, senior biology major, won't get much of a break from school this summer, because she intends on entering graduate school after graduating from Southern this May.

She will be attending the State University of New York-Stony Brook starting this summer and will be studying neuroscience and behavior.

Yuri Fukumoto, junior biology major, will be taking intersession and summer classes at Southern, but she still plans to have some fun over the summer. She will return home to Yokohama, Japan, after summer classes are over to visit friends and family.

She said she is excited to see them and will be back to Southern for the fall semester.

Freshman computer science major Roman Prokipchin said he will rest all summer and stay with his host family in Kansas City.

He has plans to visit Daytona Beach, Fla., and California during the summer as well.

"I will spend 10 days in California looking for a grad school," he said.

Prokipchin said even though he's a freshman, he's determined to go to grad school. He wants to start looking early. He also plans to come back to Southern after the summer.

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Movies on pot rock high or wash out

Friday

So, on the list of stoner movies would have to be *Friday*, the first in a trilogy of movies about stoners and the situations they get themselves into.

Before I go on with this part of the review, I must say this movie sucked. Granted, it was better than the second one in the series, but only for the fact that it had Chris Tucker in it (a minor consolation though).

So let's see if I can tell you what the movie is about.

The movie stars Ice Cube and Chris Tucker as a couple of kids in the ghetto. They are the stereotypical kids in the hood; poor, pot smokers, jobless and in trouble.

The two friends have gotten themselves in trouble. They owe money to someone in the neighborhood, and the deadline is coming up. If they do not get the money to the guy in time, they are in deep trouble.

Yeah, it's a stupid, overused plot. Basically, the movie is centered around two young men's pursuit of happiness, women and bud (not the beer). And with bad acting (even Chris Tucker sucks in this film – he's not really funny, which is a huge letdown), bad filmography, the movie sucks so much that I could never even get myself to sit down and watch it from beginning to end in one sitting. I had to watch it in installments.

So, given the choice of a movie about stoners, pick something else. *Half Baked* is definitely a good choice. But do not rent *Friday*, or any of the others in the series. They are a huge waste of your time and money.

How High

Starring Method Man and Redman, *How High* is about a genius marijuana farmer/dealer. Somehow, the two stoners have stumbled upon a type of marijuana, which when smoked, actually raises a person's I.Q.

All of this eventually leads to the two of them somehow getting admitted to Harvard University.

However, after being accepted to Harvard, they run out of their magic I.Q.-raising marijuana and have to try and make it on their own.

All that aside, there are some really funny parts in the movie.

While the movie follows the simple rule for all stoner movies (have a plot that a 12-year-old could understand), it still manages to add some sophisticated humor – for a movie about pot heads that is.

While the movie is still great, as far as stoner movies go, it tends to focus on the whole black vs. white conflict a bit too much. While there are some funny parts from this, like the white guy teaching black history, there are just some parts that are way to overdramatic about the conflict.

Of all the movies reviewed, though, this one is right up there with *Half Baked*. The overdone black vs. white conflict is the only thing that really holds the movie back from being great. And even still, the movie is hilarious.

Josh Ray
Diversions Editor

In Review

Jeff Reid
Executive Editor

The Wash

OK, why do I get the stupid movies to review?

Before I tell you my opinion of this film (in case you couldn't figure out already what that opinion is), let's talk about the plot for a second.

There is none. Zero plot. No point to this film. The whole thing is basically an hour and some minutes long rap video. Worse than just that, though, it acts as a promotional rap video for Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre and Eminem.

Now, don't get me wrong, I have nothing against these three.

They are all very talented in their music genre, but as actors, they basically suck. Eminem is the only person in this film that could act, and he got the smallest, most pointless part of all.

And how is it a PR trip for the trio? Well, when and if you're unfortunate enough to watch it, you will notice that all of the music played in the background is just by these three.

And the characters played by the three rap stars are all basically what you would imagine them to be like in real life. Dre is the calm and composed leader. Eminem is the psycho with the gun. And Snoop Dogg is the pot smoker/ladies man.

Wait, I guess technically I was wrong about the complete point of this movie. Aside from glorifying the rappers (Ludacris, Shaquille O'Neil and Big Boi also make appearances), it also does a wonderful job at glorifying drug dealing. The whole movie shows how Snoop Dogg works at a car wash, yet still has money to pay the full rent on his and Dre's apartment, drive a really nice car and shell out $500 for more pot in a second.

So whatever you do, never rent this movie. High, drunk or straight, it sucks. There's no way of curing its blandness and boringness. *Friday* is even better than this film.

Half Baked

In all the history of stoner movies, in my mind, there is one clear winner: *Half Baked*.

Starring Dave Chapelle, Jim Breuer, and a host of other stars, including Jon Stewart, and Snoop Dogg, *Half Baked* not only had the talent, but the excellent plot that every stoner movie requires, one that would make sense to a 12-year-old.

After their friend gets arrested for killing a police officer, (he gave a bunch of food to a diabetic police horse), the rest of the crew sets out to bail him out of prison by the only way they know: selling marijuana.

Of course, all sorts of hilarity ensues, so to speak.

If you've never seen this movie, then you really are missing, pot head or not. I've seen this movie at least a dozen times, and almost every time, I've seen it with different people. And while the people who have never smoked pot miss out on some of the finer points of the movie, you can always tell the people who have, because they basically never stop laughing, from beginning to end.

So, as far as stoner movies go, this one has to rank in the top three. Do yourself a favor, and rent this movie. But, be sure to have plenty of people there to watch it with you. You'll feel more comfortable if everyone else is laughing like an idiot with you.

May brings Harmony and Tears to Joplin's Memorial Hall

By Josh Ray
Diversions Editor

May is the month for concerts at Joplin's Memorial Hall.

Memorial Hall will be the host of two national acts during May.

The first is a co-sponsorship between My Club and Power 107.1.

Howie Baby, co-owner of My Club and morning personality of Power 107.1, said the two teamed up to bring Bone Thugs N Harmony to Joplin May 10.

Bone Thugs is a rap group that has sold more than 15 million albums in its career. It has recently released a new album. Howie said the new single, a collaboration with Phil Collins titled "Home," has been doing good on the charts. They are currently on the Take Me Home tour.

He said Power 107.1 and My Club saw this as a good opportunity to bring the group to this area.

"It's the first time they've ever been in the Midwest, per se, in their career," Howie said. "So we wanted to snatch them up."

He said they were pleased with the helpfulness Memorial Hall offered them in bringing the group to Joplin. Howie said they chose Memorial Hall because it is the only venue that had the capacity to hold many people. He said in the past, a concert like this would not have been possible, but the officials at Memorial Hall have opened up to new ideas.

"This will be a good test to see if Joplin can sustain some new shows," he said.

Howie also hopes this concert, as well as the rock shows My Club has planned for the future, will "shake things up" in Joplin.

"Too much sameness has been going around for too long," he said.

Tickets for the concert are $23.50. Bone Thugs will be performing with Blaze, Mo Thugs and Esham.

The performers will be staying around after the concert to sign autographs. They will also be in the VIP room at My Club for the after party. The concert starts at 7 p.m.

Beth Kownslar, facility and events manager at Memorial Hall, is in charge of the May 31 concert at the hall.

David Clayton-Thomas and Blood Sweat & Tears will be performing as part of the Festival of the Four States.

The festival is a family event in its second year running. The concert serves as the headline acts for the event.

"We wanted something that would cross various age groups and genres of music," Kownslar said.

The festival is a two-day event held on Main Street in downtown Joplin. It will feature such novelties as a Kansas City barbecue competition, vendors, a garden show and two stages of local talent acts. Kownslar said the festival was started last year to "create a signature event for the city of Joplin."

Around 20,000 people showed up over the two days last year, and Kownslar said she expects more people to show up this year due to the headline act.

Last year's act was from Branson. Kownslar said the last time a concert like this was held in Joplin was in the late 1980s and early 1990s. She expects the concert to cater to various age groups.

"Blood Sweat & Tears music spans 30 years, so we're going to get a wide range of age groups," she said.

Tickets for the concert range from $10-$25. The festival will be held May 30 and 31 from noon to 8 p.m.

Tickets for both concerts can be purchased at the Memorial Hall box office, Bank of Joplin, Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, Dillon's, Ron's IGA in Pittsburg, Express Personnel and joplinmemorialhall.com.

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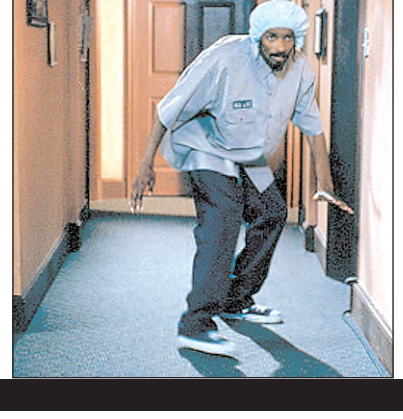

The Wash is one example of a movie about stoners. Read the review to find out two editors' takes on stoner movies.

Jazz focus marks first for recitals

BY LANDON FRY
Staff Writer

The artistic form known as the saxophone was on audible display in Webster Hall Auditorium April 29 as Joel Griffin, senior music major, presented "The Art of the Saxophone Part II." Griffin's recital was broken into two sections, one of which marked a first for the Missouri Southern Music Department.

The concert began at 7:30 p.m. with a series of classical pieces.

"He did work very hard and so his prepared selections, the first half, were quite good," said Dr. Charles Thelen, head of the music department. "They were coordinated well, and, of course, he had those two unaccompanied pieces which went well too."

The pieces Griffin played for the first section of his recital were selections he and Thelen made. The songs mostly consisted of pieces he had played previously, according to Thelen.

The second half of the performance was the first time a senior recital focused on jazz. Previously, Kelly Mann, Southern graduate, played a single jazz piece with a jazz combo, but Griffin made jazz the second half of the show.

The audience found the pieces Griffin selected to be really interesting, Thelen said.

"Some of the jazz was bordering on avant garde, he even made mention of it," Thelen said. "That long introduction to "Beautiful Love" was very strange, but the way it came out into the body of the tune was kind of like a sudden focusing of the elements, and I thought it was good."

Of the pieces played, Joel Thomas, the pianist of the combo that accompanied Griffin, thinks the diversity of the music makes it difficult to choose a favorite.

"They're all a blast to play because there are many different genres represented," Thomas said. "We represented Latin with 'Wave.' It was a Latin ballad."

Thomas found each of the pieces to be difficult for different reasons.

"They were all pretty tough, each one had its things," he said.

"Groupwise, I think 'Sing a Song' was always the hardest to get together, because with the solos, it's just hard to keep the rhythm section together."

Thelen thinks Griffin's jazz-focused recital may influence others later.

"Some may wish to do that again," Thelen said. "Whenever somebody establishes a precedent, somebody else will follow."

Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Joel Griffin focused half of his senior recital on jazz music, which marked a first for recitals.

Finals Madness offers safe entertainment

BY NATE BILLINGS
Staff Writer

Finals Madness is a time before finals when Missouri Southern students and faculty can come to campus and hang out while knowing that the next day they will not have classes.

"They (students) know they can sleep in the next day," said Kelly Wilson, director of student support services.

Classes will not be held on Thursday. Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said some students may go out the night before and party.

"We want to keep our students safe," Blackford said.

Blackford said Finals Madness is offered as an alternative stress buster for the students. Finals Madness will begin with a volleyball competition and a basketball tournament. Students can sign up at the student services office by Friday.

After the competitions, laser tag, tug of war, limbo contests, rock wall and a cash cube will be set up for students to participate in.

The cash cube will have movie tickets, funny money and real cash blown around inside for students to catch. Students must sign up to participate in the grab boxes. A disc jockey will set up outside and give away T-shirts and CDs.

Outdoor and indoor movies will be shown as well. Students with suggestions for movies may see Blackford in the student activities office on the first floor of Billingsly Student Center.

"We always want students' input," Blackford said.

Activities will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. The activities will last until everyone is gone.

Wilson said the night is a time for students to let their hair down and that she has seen students enjoy past Finals Madness events.

"It really capped off their year experience," Wilson said.

Wilson also enjoys the event herself.

"I like the energy. You can mingle; talk to them. It's fun to be in their world," Wilson said.

Food will be ready for students around 8 p.m. Pizza, corn dogs and spicy chicken are possible items on the menu.

"It's a big event," Blackford said. "Everyone chips in."

The student support center, Campus Activities Board, campus recreation and wellness, Residence Hall Association, and residence life leave room for the event in their yearly budgets. Blackford said she has thought about the different aspects of the event since the last Finals Madness.

She said she always sees something that would be fun for students. All activities will occur by the tennis courts near the residence halls across from the main campus area.

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Spring Fling will be held on the Oval. A free picnic will be offered from 10:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

A fundraiser benefit for Joplin's Spiva Center for the Arts will be held at the Holiday Inn.

3 Pilots of radio controlled aircraft may compete in contests on Black Cat Road.

A Battle of Carthage reenactment will be held at 2 p.m. in Carthage.

4 The Spring Choral Society Concert will be held @ 3 p.m. at the First Community Church.

6 Hudson Shad will be performing @ 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

7 Student Senate will meet @ 5 p.m. in Billingsly Room 310.

Thank God it's the last day of classes!

Finals Madness Blowout will be held @ 8 p.m. on the residence hall tennis courts.

8 Catholic Campus Ministries will meet @ noon in Billingsly, Room 311.

LDSSA will meet @ noon in Billingsly, Room 306.

FCA will meet @ 7 p.m. in the #2 lounge of Billingsly.

Another Spring Choral Society concert will be held @ 7:30 p.m. in Phinney Hall.

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Useless Information

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10 percent of people believe in the 10 Commandments. (and how many people are Christians?)

36 percent of Americans say that God has spoken to them. (36 percent of Americans are clinically insane too)

One of the reasons marijuana is illegal today is because cotton growers in the '30s lobbied against hemp farmers. They saw it as competition. (damned cotton farmers)

The first known contraceptive was crocodile dung, used by Egyptians in 2000 B.C. (and pregnancy rates were sky high)

In Anglo-Saxon times a man could divorce his wife on the grounds that she was too passionate. (you can be too passionate? hmmm...)

The Sanskrit word for "war" means "desire for more cows." (and in America it's the desire for more money, or more oil)

85 percent of women wear the wrong bra size. (cheaters)

15 percent of people regularly go to a shrink. (well, about half of the people God has "talked" to seek help)

2 out of 3 people wouldn't give up their, spouse even for a night, for a million bucks. (weirdos)

29 percent of people are virgins when they marry. (aw, how sweet)

Kotex was first manufactured as bandages, during WWI.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

MU students create Nokia advertisement

Earlier in April, two Nokia ads, created by four University of Missouri-Columbia students were produced into television spots and began airing across the country.

In fall 2002, MU served as the pilot school for Nokia's college advertising program, "The New U." After they were briefed by Nokia representatives, students handled all aspects of the production of the 30-second ad creation.

The two MU ads Nokia chose were produced by Dallas-based agency The Richards Group. The four students were onsite for production and served as art directors at the advertising shoot.

University research aids in FDA approval

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on April 24 approved the use of a drug-coated stent to treat patients with clogged arteries. Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis was one of the key participants in the research that led to the approval.

The stents – metal mesh tubes, used as scaffolding to keep blood vessels open and unclogged – are the first drug-coated stents to receive federal approval. The stents are coated with low doses of the drug sirolimus to help prevent clogging.

Truman State names Dixon new president

Truman State University has new leadership.

TSU's Board of Governor's recently announced the university's new president will be Barbara B. Dixon, who is currently the vice president for academic affairs at State University of New York at Geneseo.

She will assume her duties as the 14th president on July 1.

Lobbyist shatters stereotypes

Kyna Iman works as consultant for Missouri Southern, interests across the state of Missouri

BY VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

As Kyna Iman walks down the hallways of the state Capitol building, she can hardly take three steps before greeting someone.

Kyna knows everyone in Jefferson City.

She's been around Missouri's government for almost two decades, lobbying for special interest groups across the state.

"I guess I just have politics in the blood," she said.

Her political thirst began when she was a young child and her father was sheriff of Chariton County. During his term, her family home was center to several political events.

While exploring her interest in politics, Kyna interned with several Capitol lobbyists. She enjoys working with politicians but would never want to be one.

"The way I see it, I have a say in 197 voices as a lobbyist," Kyna said.

"I admire them greatly, but I wouldn't want to do it; there's too much pressure.

"I think I would have more of an impact this way than if I was a legislator."

Kyna is also the top government consultant for Missouri Southern. She is one of the key instruments in passing the College's name changed to a university.

Besides Southern, Kyna consults for seven other clients, including Missouri Citizens for the Arts. Working with the Arts led Kyna to meet Vivian León, College President Julio León's wife.

Kyna attained the job as Southern's lobbyist after one of her good friends left the position. She was hired in 1999.

Southern currently has two lobbyists. The other consultant is Gary Burton, former state representative for Joplin.

"She's tremendously effective with lots of experience and very good relations with both Republicans and Democrats," León said. "We're really very pleased with the work she does."

Originally from the small northern Missouri town of Salisbury, population 1,500, Kyna now has a permanent address in St. Louis. During session (January to May) she lives in an apartment in Jefferson City.

She began her college career as a communications major at William Woods University in Fulton, where she was student body president. She went on to graduate with a bachelor's degree in English communications.

"To be successful in this business, you have to be here round the clock," Kyna said. "I just don't dare step out of the building. Being here makes all the difference in the world.

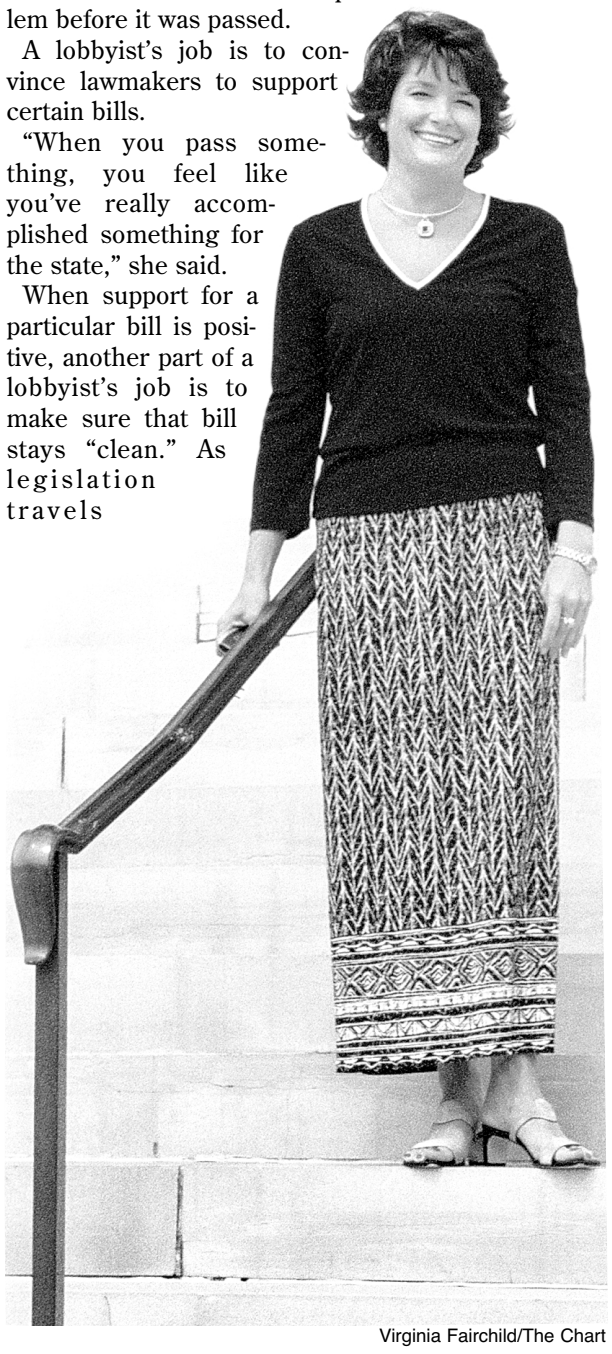
"My friends learned real quick not to call me between January and May."

Kyna recently stayed late at the Capitol for meetings, even though the items scheduled didn't seem to involve any of her interests. It turned out that an item popped up that would greatly affect one of her clients, so since she was there, she was able to draft an amendment and fix the problem before it was passed.

A lobbyist's job is to convince lawmakers to support certain bills.

"When you pass something, you feel like you've really accomplished something for the state," she said.

When support for a particular bill is positive, another part of a lobbyist's job is to make sure that bill stays "clean." As legislation travels through the process, groups may seek a bill that is traveling faster than their own and try to attach to it. This, in turn, may cause the bill that is moving rather swiftly through the House and the Senate to be "killed," or not passed.



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Kyna Iman has worked as a lobbyist for 18 years.

"It's all about compromise," Kyna said.

"If you can't do that, then you're in the wrong business."

Another aspect of her job is patience. She dislikes the part of her job that causes her to have to wait for her interest in a hearing or committee meeting.

"You hurry up and get there, and then you have to wait and see," she said.

For Kyna, being successful at her job doesn't rely on buying lawmakers dinners or throwing them lavish parties.

One of the preconceived notions about lobbyists, she said, is that all they do is go out for dinner and drinks.

"I take lobbying from the grassroots level," she said.

One way Kyna convinces lawmakers to agree is by visiting their districts and recruiting people there to talk to their legislators about the issue.

"E-mail has made it a lot easier to grow that grassroots network and contact people," she said.

Kyna is a registered lobbyist, which means she's not allowed to go onto the House or the Senate floor. Since legislators spend many hours inside their chambers, lobbyists had to find a way to reach them even when they have convened. The lobbyist lingo is "working the door."

This means that the lobbyist asks the doorman to find the legislator that he or she needs to speak with, and then the lawmaker will come out into the hall to confer with the lobbyist.

The hall outside the chamber doors is called the "lobby," which eventually inspired the profession's name.

Although each lobbyist represents certain interest groups, Kyna said they work together to help each other out.

Despite the sometimes-tense atmosphere at the Capitol, people still have time for a few laughs. This lobbyist's first name is one of the standing jokes in Jefferson City.

"I get all the 'kinda' jokes," she said. "Like 'It's Kyna hot in here.'"

Although her name is unusual, some have found it even more interesting when paired up to some other lawmaker's name.

"Some joke and say it would be funny if I would have married Sen. Chuck Gross (R-St. Charles)," she said.

"Then my name would have been Kyna Gross."

Lobbying may be one of those jobs that make a person live to work instead of work to live. This job wouldn't suit some, but for Kyna, she wouldn't have it any other way.

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Family of barbers owns three shops

BY T.J. GERLACH
City Editor

Family businesses are a dime a dozen. But what about a family who owns different businesses in town, all of which are the same type of business.

Members of one Joplin family started a barbershop in town, and now different members of the family own three different barbershops in Joplin.

Kay Cargile, owner of The Lion's Den barbershop at 3816 E. Seventh St., and three of her five brothers all attended barber school and worked together at Heath Brothers barber shop at North Range Line Road and Zora Street.

Bill Heath, the oldest of the four barbers, attended a barber school in Colorado.

When he returned to Joplin, he opened a barbershop and soon convinced his brother, Bud, to go to barber school to help with the business.

Bud went to Molar School of Barbering in Kansas City and Cargile also attended school there. Both went to work for Bill after attending the school.

When Jim Heath, the youngest brother, returned from Vietnam, Bill and Bud sent him to the Molar school.

"At one time we [Bill, Bud, Jim, and Cargile] did all work together," Cargile said.

She worked at the shop for four years before a barbershop was built for her in Duenweg.

After working at that shop for a while, Cargile and her oldest daughter decided to open a shop in Joplin.

"My daughter and I bought a little two-bedroom house and turned it into a shop," Cargile said.

That little house was the start of what is today The Lion's Den. Now all four of Cargile's daughters are part owners of the shop.

Cargile also said Jim worked for four years at Heath Brothers before deciding to go into construction. He then decided to go back into barbering.

"Bill and Bud went back together [at Heath Sisters]," Cargile said. "And Jim has his little shop on North Main [Heath II]. We're all about half retired now."

Bill's wife, Jane, was a cosmetologist, but is now retired. Bud's wife, Lola, is a cosmetologist at his shop, and Jim's wife, Debbie, works at Heath II as a cosmetologist.

Bud also sent his three daughters to barber school, but one of them is now a nurse, and the other two are paying for nursing school by barbering hair at their father's shops.

"The whole family just about does hair," Cargile said.

She likes working with her daughters.

"I love it," she said. "I have enjoyed it."

Dana Davis, one of Cargile's daughters, said "[Working with family] is kind of nice, really. We get to see each other about every day."

Deborah Graves, another of Cargile's daughters, said, "When it's family, there's a lot less controversy."

They both agreed working with family is "just like any business relationship."

"We might disagree on certain things," Davis said. "But we work it out."

All the daughters decided to cut hair for different reasons.

"I worked in the grocery store business, and it was leading nowhere," Davis said. "I decided to go ahead and cut hair."

"I have a college degree, but once I started [cutting hair], I loved it," Graves said. "It's hard to walk away from once you start."

"Our older sister[Donna Kent] went to college first and decided to cut hair instead," she said.

The fourth daughter, Delisa Walker, "knew she wanted to cut hair:

"Something different goes on every day," Davis said.

"[Barbering is] a lot of hard work," Graves said. "But in the end, it pays off."

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

James Long, of Diamond, has had Kay Cargile cut his hair for more than 20 years.

BUDGET:

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The Senate has passed the bill to include the changes to the College's baseline budget.

If the House passes it and Gov. Bob Holden signs the bill, Missouri Southern's funding formula will be changed for years to come.

"Even if this doesn't change the numbers Southern receives this year, it will make it higher for years to come," Nodler said. "So basically what we've got is a CBHE policy endorsed by the Missouri Senate."

He said he believes the governor agrees with the CBHE's recommendation.

León said most universities have come down to making an educated guess when it comes to raising tuition.

"We haven't decided yet (on tuition), because we still have one more week to go," he said. "We hope to then have a clearer picture of which way to go. What we'll most likely do is take some action and yet leave the door open for further review later in the summer."

When it comes to how much tuition will increase, León said, "There have been no talks whatsoever."

He said he doesn't think the missing tuition cost in the fall 2003 enrollment book has affected pre-enrollment figures. León believes there are many other causes to the fluctuation in pre-enrollment.

"Ideally, you would want the students to know what tuition is going to be so they have a better idea about what their financial packages can be," he said. "Almost all institutions in the state are waiting the same way we are, or they have just made their decision recently."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Hospital offers free stroke seminar

St. John's Regional Medical Center will host a stroke seminar.

Physicians will discuss the prevention and treatments of strokes.

The seminar will be 2-4 p.m. Thursday in the Mercy Conference Center.

The seminar is free, but space is limited.

To register or for information, persons may call Fran Hauser at 659-6563.

Local Y plans eighth Summer Day Camp

The Joplin Family Y is preparing for its Summer Day Camp.

The program is for children ages 4-12. All camp counselors are certified for CPR, first-aid and water safety.

Cost will be $70 per week for members, $100 per week for nonmembers and daily drop-off rates will be available. This cost includes lunches, afternoon snacks and activities.

The camp will be weekly 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For information, persons may contact Angela Mull, day camp director, at 623-4597, or visit one of the Joplin Family Y locations, 510 Wall or 3404 W. McIntosh Circle.

HeARTland festival asks for participants

The third annual Art in the HeARTland festival will be held June 7 at Red Oak II in Carthage.

Area painters, sculptors, potters and other craftsmen are being asked to participate in the fine art show.

Artists and vendors are asked to pay a $40 participation fee to help cover expenses. Artists must provide their own equipment necessary for their booths.

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SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

English department hosts Indian speaker

The Institute of International Studies and the department of English will be sponsoring a special guest lecture at 11 a.m. Friday in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Professor Mohan Ramanan of the department of English at the University of Hyderabad in India will be speaking. His speech is titled, "The Indian Discovery of America," and will focus on Indian reception and understanding of American literature.

All classes that normally meet at 11 a.m. are encouraged to attend.

Senate sponsors troop donation boxes

The "Support Our Troops" donation boxes will be available until Friday, May 9.

The boxes are located in Billingsly Student Center, the circulation area of Spiva Library, Hearnes Hall and Taylor Hall.

The boxes are sponsored by Student Senate. The co-chairs of the committee, Sarah Seibert, Jeannie Archie and John Tipton, would like to thank all those who have contributed.

KGCS-TV airs two recent presentations

Two recent presentations at Missouri Southern will air as part of the "Missouri Southern Lecture Series" on KGCS-TV.

The first presentation, "History and Splendor of Paris," was prepared April 18 by students who participated in the study abroad trip to France during spring break. It will air at 9 p.m. Monday.

The second program, featuring Tuskegee Airman Col. Kenneth Wofford, was presented April 24. It will air at 9 p.m. Monday, May 12.

World War II vet visits College

BY HANNAH MARSH
Staff Writer

The social science department at Missouri Southern hosted a visit by retired Air Force Col. Kenneth Wofford on April 24 in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Wofford is a World War II veteran and a member of the Tuskegee Airmen.

"We had been planning on him to come since the beginning of the semester," said Dr. Steven Wagner, assistant professor of history and coordinator for this event.

With an audience estimated at 250 people, Wofford spoke on the topic of black aviators and the development of the U.S. Air Force.

He included in his speech tests and procedures involved in the training at the Division of Aeronautics of Tuskegee Institute, individuals who played important roles in the program and the challenges these individuals had to face as blacks.

"Qualified but denied," Wofford said. "That's basically what it was."

Wofford was born in 1922 in Oklahoma, but was raised in Carthage. He was one of the first to graduate from Lincoln High School, which was segregated at the time.

"I'm a product of segregated school, elementary through college," Wofford said.

After graduating from high school, he headed to Tuskegee, Ala., where he took part in an experiment whose purpose was to see if blacks had the ability to fly aircraft in combat.

"All of us who went through the experiment were already prepared," Wofford said.

He remained on active duty from World War II through Vietnam. After leaving the military, he began a second career as aeronautics operations director for the state of Minnesota.

Izumi Sogo/The Chart

Retired Air Force Col. Kenneth Wofford, a World War II veteran and member of the Tuskegee Airmen, spoke April 24 in Webster Hall Auditorium on the topic of black aviators.

Throughout his career, he has received many honors and awards, including the Elder Statesman of Aviation Award presented to him by the National Aeronautics Association.

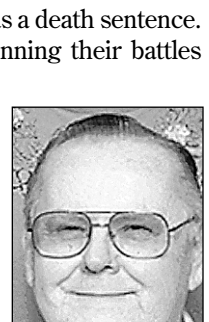
Wagner said the main reason the department brought Wofford to speak at Southern was because he is involved with three different major topics that are overlapped: race relations, the World War II era and the history of the area. He also mentioned if Wofford had not been from this area, the event might not have been as interesting to others.

Student Senator copes with diagnosis of cancer

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

Not long ago, a cancer diagnosis was a death sentence. Now, more and more people are winning their battles with cancer.

One Missouri Southern student is battling the disease. Edd Browning, senior business education major and student senator, was diagnosed with colon cancer in late January.



Edd Browning
Student Senator

"I went into primary care at the V.A. hospital in Kansas City, after doing a colonostomy the doctors found a lesion and did a biopsy," Browning said.

Surgery entailed a resection where doctors took out 12 inches of Browning's colon. During the surgery, a cancerous tumor was found on his lymph nodes.

"I have received good support from the College and the professors. Everyone has been interested and supportive," he said.

Rather than withdrawing from college altogether, Browning dropped three of his five classes.

"When he came by to see me, he said he definitely wanted to stay in a couple of classes," said Dr. Beverly Block, professor of business. "He wanted that push and drive to keep him going on track and keep his spirits up."

"I received cards from Dean Carnahan's office and the Student Senate," Browning said. "I am really thankful, the cards and e-mails from the kids I know, and the senators keep me going."

"He is a very dedicated student, intent on doing his best for Student Senate," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students. "Non-traditional students have a good representative in him on Senate. I would visit with him in the Lion's Den every day when I came into work. There were always students around his table."

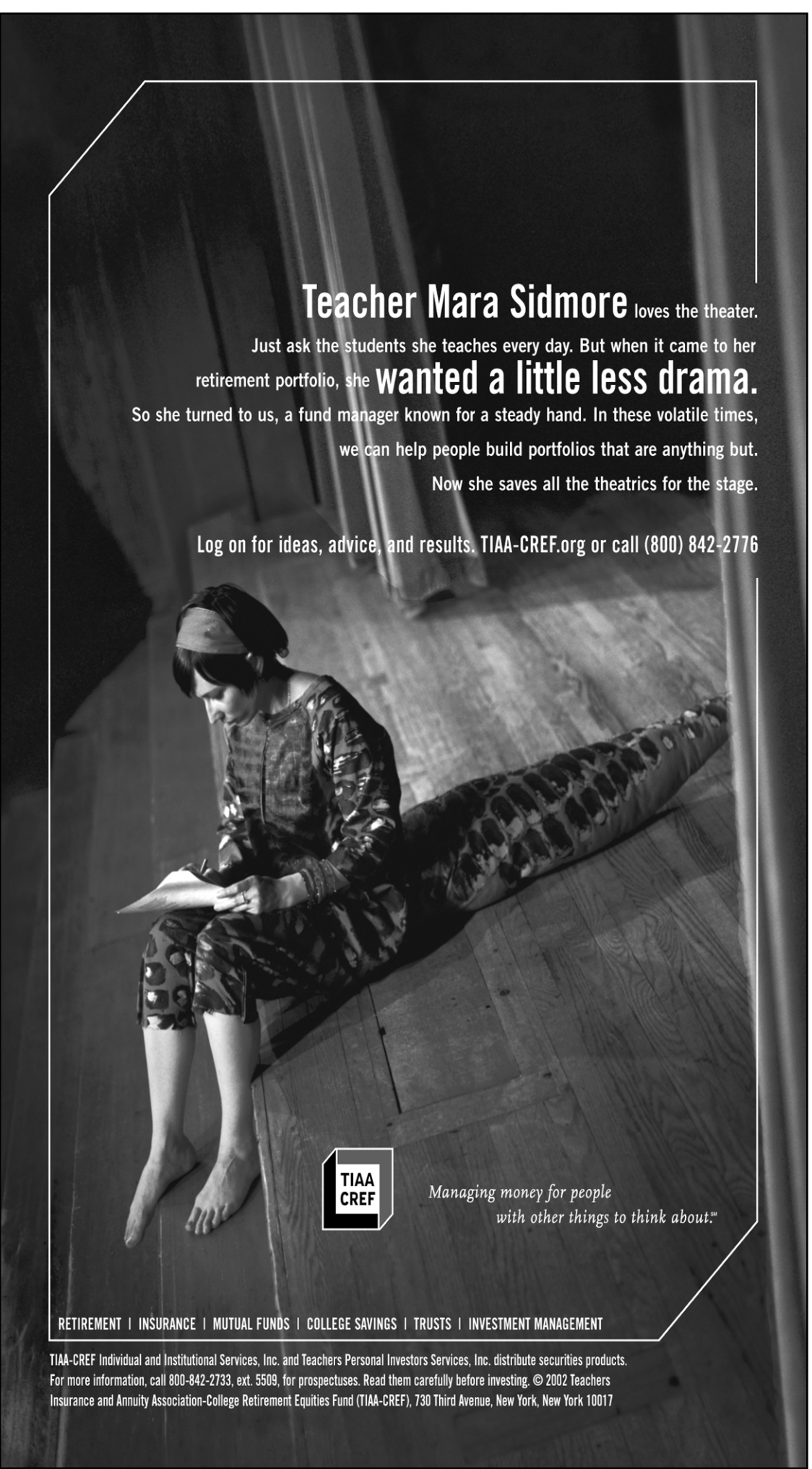
Because he has to travel to Kansas City every Monday for chemotherapy, he won't be able to attend classes in the fall, but looks forward to returning in the spring 2004.

"Edd was looking forward to doing his student teaching next semester, but then he got the bad news," Block said. "But he has a good positive outlook on things. He doesn't want to give up on his plans, it's very important to him."

Browning has a bachelor's degree in marketing, as well as a master's in theology. He also served in the Air Force for three years. He was stationed in Vietnam for 90 days during the war before being transferred to Japan. While in Japan, Browning ruptured two disks in his back after falling out of a truck.

"Having so many experiences to draw from gives a wider range to draw from and prevents people from having tunnel vision," said Dr. Kaye Abight, assistant professor of teacher education. "Normally, non-traditional students have a lot to contribute as far as previous experience."

"Edd is the type of student who makes my job fun," Carnahan said. "He is involved on campus and interested in student and campus issues. I know he wants to return full time, and we look forward to his return."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STUDENT LOAN CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM

Honors gives students awards

BY PHILIP RYCHCIK
Staff Writer

For Jeremy Sturgell, winner of the Outstanding Graduate Award, his profound words were words of thanks.

The biology major accepted the award at the spring 2003 Honors Convocation April 29 in the Taylor Auditorium.

Sturgell attributed his success to his instructors, friends, family and even went so far as to dedicate his award to his wife, Mandy.

Melanie Cox, elementary education major, awarded for her graduation from the honors program, was in awe of the event.

"The award was a very nice surprise," she said. "It's been a lot of hard work, but it's been a growing experience. Honors program opened up my curiosity throughout the world around me. Jeremy Sturgell's remarks were touching and poignant."

Karen Grabbe, music major, also awarded for honors program graduation, agreed with the "hard work" assessment of Cox.

"It's been a lot of work to get through the program," she said. "Dr. (Pat) Kluthe has been very supportive all the way through. It's been a great four years, I really loved it here."

Dr. Richard Laird, assistant professor of mathematics, gave the introduction speech to the convocation. A first-time member of the convocation committee, Laird found the experience to be exciting but taxing.

"It was fun to do, but I'm glad it's over," Laird said. "It was a pleasure to have all of these students in this school."

The convocation is an annual event planned by the honors convocation committee.

Laird joined other members of the committee in orchestrating the event and contacting the student participants.

"Each department can submit a graduate to be considered for honors," Laird said. "We put the whole thing together and send the letters out to the students to let them know they've been honored. There's a lot of help from secretaries and other staff, too."

Dr. Ann Marlowe, professor of English, has found the yearly convocation to be an important and inspirational event.

"I think it's good to honor our outstanding students," she said. "They serve as role models for students and faculty. I think they're inspirational because they do so much so well."

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Jeremy Sturgell was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Award April 29.

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bers and e-mail addresses to all of the advisers. After preregistration, Messick sends out a second list of advisees who have not enrolled for the advisers to contact.

Martin said he advises caution in interpreting enrollment figures. He said at the same time last year, enrollment was up 150 students compare to the same time in 2001. Compared to two years ago, the College is only down 38 students.

Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, said he has not seen the decline of enrollment figures in the school of business. Gray said there was a decline in enrollment in business a couple of years ago, but the trend across the country has shown an increase in enrollment for business classes.

He said he has no sympathy for those who have not pre-enrolled yet.

"One of the things that I have always said with my advisee, the people whom I'm responsible for, they learn real quick, if they don't pre-enroll, I'm not a happy person," Gray said.

Gray said students in the school of business are trained, starting with sophomores, to plan ahead, and part of planning ahead is pre-enrollment.

Martin said the advice he gives students is to pre-enroll and save their seats for next semester, and if they decide not to come back, to drop after the start of the fall semester.

Business department groups attend national conventions

BY JERRY MANTER
Managing Editor

The bet was simple.

If any Missouri Southern student-member of Delta Epsilon Chi received a first-place finish at the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, adviser Tim Hochhalter would shave his head.

"It taught me a lesson," Hochhalter said. "Don't underestimate my students."

Lisa Matthews, Matt Major and Travis Adams, all members of DECCA, were on a first-place team at the conference.

A man of his word, Hochhalter shaved his head.

"I was shocked and very excited for them," Hochhalter said. "It was a one-shot deal."

Eleven students from Southern made the April 13 trip to Orlando.

Casey Boyd, senior marketing and international business major, has been the president of DECCA for two years.

"I'm really proud of them," Boyd said.

At the conference, students were sectioned off in the particular state they were representing.

"When they announced our name, our whole state section went in an uproar," Hochhalter said. "It was a neat experience."

Students in Free Enterprise, a Southern student-run organization, is heading to its post season as well May 11 in Kansas City at the SIFE National Exposition.

SIFE will present community based projects to a group of judges. The group's project this year was "Teach Reading to Every Kid," or TREK, in collaboration with the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It was outstanding to see children progress in reading," said Brad Conley, SIFE president.

"We were able to help the kids catch up."

At this year's finals, more than 200 colleges and universities will attend. SIFE will present its project presentations to a series of judges in a tournament atmosphere. Three years ago Southern was second runner up. Two years ago it was first runner up.

"We've put us in the position to advance in the competition," Conley said.

Conley said he enjoys SIFE because of the opportunity that's available.

"SIFE gives students the opportunity to do something bigger," he said. "We can help the community...and that's inspiring."

Special to The Chart

Tim Hochhalter, center, Delta Epsilon Chi adviser, bet members of DECCA that if one of them received a first-place finish at the International Career Development Conference, he would shave his head. Three students won top honors.

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"It would set him up to go to law school on a free scholarship," Larson said.

The debate team was also the LD Debate Team National Runners-Up. The team won 64 total sweepstakes points.

The national LD debate team winner was Creighton University with 65 sweepstakes points.

Sweepstakes points are awarded according to the placement and advancement of team members in the elimination rounds.

The team trophy is in a case at the south end on the first floor of Webster Hall.

Larson said good academic students are a part of the debate team, and seven of his top eight students are coming back next year.

Hollingshead said debating next year will not be as tense as debating this year.

"It's a load off your shoulders," he said.

He won't have to worry about not making it as far next year, because he has already made it to the top.

"They can't take your trophy away," he said.

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instructor. Throughout the years, he helped establish many of the College's business programs including its international mission, distance learning, online degrees and set up the business school's advisory board.

Gray said he owes a lot of gratitude to many.

"There was a lot of guidance," he said. "We've been fortunate for 13 years to develop a very aggressive faculty and get out and lead."

Dr. Brad Kleindl, assistant dean for the school of business, will assume Gray's position in the fall.

"I look forward to seeing where he takes the school of business," Gray said. "I'm very excited."

Kleindl has been preparing for the new position for more than two years.

"He has set a very high bar in developing relationships with faculty and students," Kleindl said. "If I can maintain those relationships, then it will be wonderful."

Kleindl hopes to continue the steady progress the school of business is heading in.

"I'm driven to continue to maintain the high quality of programs," Kleindl said.

Gerry McCormick, secretary for the school of business, has worked in the business department for 23 years. Throughout the years, she established a business relationship with Gray.

"I'm going to miss him a lot," McCormick said.

McCormick said she thinks the transition next semester should be an easy one.

"We're looking forward to Kleindl," she said. "It's going to be an easy transition."

Although family was the number one reason for stepping down, Gray said, it was the students and the classroom that helped make the decision a little easier.

"I came in as a faculty member, and I want to leave as a faculty member," he said.

"He has set a very high bar in developing relationships with faculty and students. If I can maintain those relationships, then it will be wonderful."

Brad Kleindl
Assistant Dean for the School of Business

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Coaches seek new challenges

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

With a steadily improving program, the women's and men's soccer teams now have two new coaches — one for each team.

The new head women's soccer coach is Trevor Wachsman, who was a two-year assistant coach at the University of Northern Colorado. During his two years at UNC, he compiled a record of 28-12-1 and took the team into the NCAA Division II Tournament both years.

In 2001 and 2002, the squad earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic and Ethics Award. Wachsman's father was a member of the Colorado Rapids. Wachsman said his father was a major influence in his playing soccer and coaching soccer.

"It's been something that has been in our family," Wachsman said.

"I love the game; it's a great game. What makes it great, is it's a players' game and the coach can help paint a picture, but they're not always telling the players what to do."

Kiley Cirillo
Head Men's Soccer Coach

Trevor Wachsman
Head Women's Soccer Coach

Sallie Beard, athletic director, said she hopes Wachsman will bring a new freshness to the team. With a good amount of returning players Wachsman hopes to improve on what former head coach Geoff VanDeusen has started.

The new coach for the men's soccer team is Kiley Cirillo. Cirillo graduated from Missouri Southern in 2000. He repeated as All-MIAA pick as a freshman and sophomore in 1997 and 1998 (1998 was the final season for men's soccer as an MIAA sport) as a defender at Southern. When he finished his playing career, he served as assistant coach for the men's and women's soccer teams.

Beard said Cirillo was the first choice of the College and both teams expressed interest in Cirillo as coach. He had been working as director of coaching/director of club for the Springfield Premier Soccer Club.

Beard said the College chose two coaches because the program has grown to where the College needs two coaches instead of one.

"Both programs are going to benefit because they are going to have the undivided attention of a full-time coach," Beard said.

Women are ready for MIAA

BY DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

Although Emporia State topped Missouri Southern's Lady Lions in the win column, it was the Lady Lions who took the glory April 24 by sweeping the doubleheader.

"They're a quality team," said head coach Jennifer Jimerson. "Those were two big wins."

Freshman pitcher Callie Stanford threw a three-hit shutout in game one, striking out five.

Early errors opened the doors for the Lady Lions in the second. Two errors by Emporia State led to three runs for Southern.

Emporia State remained scoreless in game one while Southern brought in two more runs to capture the game, 5-0.

Senior second baseman Lisa Roe's two hits in game one put her in fifth place in Southern's career hits list.

Senior pitcher Jana Allison entered game two looking to even her record.

She did just that by allowing only five hits and one run while striking out six.

"They have some big hitters on their team," Jimerson said.

"We really kept the ball down. We focused on good quality pitches."

Jimerson said most of the threat was gone by keeping the ball down when throwing to big hitters.

After a third inning RBI by junior Kara Reed, sophomore catcher Mary Barrow added more hurt with a bases-loaded triple, bringing in three.

Following the four-run inning, Southern posted two runs in the fourth and three more in the sixth.

After a split doubleheader April 29, against Missouri Western, the Lady Lions are currently seeded sixth in the MIAA tournament.

"I'm extremely proud of the girls and how they've kept fighting [this season]," Jimerson said. "I feel we can beat any team in our conference."

The Lady Lions first MIAA game is at noon Friday against third seed Central Missouri State at Happy Rock Park in Gladstone.

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Physical Plant Director Bob Harrington pulls up a piece of turf as a souvenir for a friend. The April 30 groundbreaking at Hughes Stadium was in celebration of the new turf, track surface and lights that will be installed this summer. "We're celebrating the beginning of a brand new Fred Hughes Stadium," said College President Julio León.

Lions race into final conference meet

BY CLIFF ERWIN
Staff Writer

Coming out of the Bill Williams Invitational and MIAA decathlon this past weekend, the Lions track and field team has nine athletes ranked nationally in 10 events.

This year's Bill Williams Invitational was held at Pittsburg State University due to the renovation of the track and football field at Hughes Stadium.

Not many athletes from Southern attended the meet, unless they needed to polish up their performances for the MIAA conference championship.

Chris Turner and Seth Isringhausen both improved their vaulting height by clearing the bar at 16-3. Kyle Rutledge also was able to clear at 16 3/4.

Jamie Tallman improved his provisional mark in the hammer by tossing a distance of 176.

"It was a good meet, it's always a good meet when you can go to a meet and relax and not have to drive so far because travel is always hard on the athletes," Rutledge said.

In the past week, the team has moved practices over to Thomas Jefferson Day School due to the construction at the stadium as well. Head coach Tom Rutledge is grateful to Thomas Jefferson for letting the team practice at its facilities.

On April 27, Turner and B.J. Blocker traveled to Northwest Missouri State University for the MIAA decathlon.

Blocker only has had one decathlon before this at the Kansas relays, and Turner was experiencing his first.

Going into the decathlon, Rutledge was hoping for the two to score one or two points, but instead they placed third and fourth and scored 10 points.

The only two athletes to beat them were All-Americans in the event. Turner scored 6,096 points, and Blocker had 6,063.

"The decathlon is always a different event in track and field," Blocker said. "Everyone who participates has fun. I really enjoyed it."

Blocker helped Turner in the hurdling event, and Turner helped Blocker out in the pole vault.

Rutledge thinks the two did well in the area of their strengths and improved in their weaknesses and attitudes.

"The main reason we had success is that our two decathletes worked as a team," Rutledge said.

"They didn't work against each other, the chemistry was good, they left their egos at the door, and the results show it.

"They sacrificed individuality in an individual event."

Rutledge was impressed on their performances and hopes the rest of the team can do the same at the MIAA conference championship.

"If we can go into the conference track meet with the same attitude, relaxed, focused and just good team effort, we'll come out very, very good," Rutledge said.

The team is competing in the conference championships on Friday and Saturday at Truman State in Kirksville.

Rutledge thinks this is will be a balanced meet with the caliber of teams that will be attending. He also thinks Truman and its coaching staff put on a good meet and that his athletes will benefit because of it.

"I'm looking forward to it; we're having fun," Rutledge said, "and when you have fun, you do well."

Lady Lions hopeful to capture All-Conference honors

BY CLIFF ERWIN
Staff Writer

Youth and inexperience have not hindered the Lady Lions' track and field team in the outdoor season this year, but now the true test comes at Truman State University for the MIAA conference championship.

On April 27, the Lady Lions traveled to Pittsburg State University for the Bill Williams Invitational.

The young athletes as well as the upperclassmen were able to try and better themselves one last time before the conference meet.

Danee Jones set a provisional mark in the hammer at 175, which puts her in a nice position for the national championships.

Tasha Cook and Ashley McClelland took time off of their 400-meter hurdle times.

Cook also improved in her times in the 100- and 200-meter dashes as well as finishing third in the 100-meter hurdles.

Melissa Horn improved her best jump of the year to 5-2, placing second in the high jump after struggling for some time because of new techniques and competition.

Iashia Castle finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.40.

Mary Garrett did not attend the Bill Williams, instead she competed in the Drake relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

It was sort of a homecoming for Garrett, because she is originally from Iowa, and she competed one year at Drake when she attended high school there.

She competed in the 400-meter hurdles placing eighth with a time of 1:00.24.

It was her first time competing in several weeks due to the fact that her shin was bothering her.

On Friday and Saturday, the Lady Lions travel to Truman State University to compete in the MIAA conference championships.

Head coach Patty Vavra thinks it's a long trip but a good place to go to for the conference championship.

The last time the team competed for the MIAA championship there was in 1998.

"What I think we have to do is look to the future."

Patty Vavra
Women's Track Coach

"We're looking forward to the meet, I think our expectations, we're trying to stay very positive with our expectations," Vavra said.

"What I think that we have to do is look to the future. At the same time I think you'll see some of our upperclassman have some good performances."

Vavra is not looking for the championship title itself for the team, but thinks her upperclassmen have a good chance to attain All-Conference honors.

The reason she doesn't think the team will achieve the overall title is because though the team has depth, it is just too young and inexperienced.

Editors dish out year's best, worst

The time has come at last to look back on the year in sports and wonder, what happened?

Many things have come up this year. Whether it was coaches resigning or players leaving the team in mid-season, one thing is for certain: this year was definitely a Southern sports year. We are taking this time to recognize certain highlights of the year and some not-so-highlights.

Lion Athlete of the Year: This honor goes to senior quarterback Josh Chapman. Chapman has broken several records this year, including being the only quarterback in Division II history to gain 5,000 yards passing and 3,000 yards rushing. He owns the top two positions for total single-game offensive yards in MIAA history. Chapman also became the second college football player to gain 2,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing in a single season. The only player to gain the same yardage in a single season is Clemson's Woody Duntzler in 2001.

Philip Martin
Sports Editor

Lady Lion Athlete of the Year: This one is hard to choose. On one hand we have Ashley Munnelly then there is Ashley Caffey and then there is Jana Allison and Danee Jones, just to name a few. So to be fair and because we can't choose, the honor goes to all those mentioned and Carol Koenig, Lacey McMunn, Sheryl Posch, Lindsey Mason, etc., etc. You know what on second opinion, let's just give the award to all of the Lady Lions. Congratulations, you deserve it.

Kristen Smith
Assistant Sports Editor

Lion Team of the Year: This one is easier than the last one, hands down this award goes to the men's cross country team. Every year the team seems to be at the top of its game, and this year is no exception. The members consistently placed in the top 10 at every meet they went to, the team even brought home the Mickey Mouse Trophy from Walt Disney World. Placing first in the MIAA championships, second in the Division II South Central Regionals and seventh in nationals. Keep up the good work, and next year, take nationals.

Lady Lion Team of the Year: The hardest working women's team this season, from our perspective, would have to be the Lady Lions basketball team. These women struggled in the beginning of the season and had a lot of team issues to overcome, and they finished the season 15-15.

Biggest Southern Victory of the Year: This one should have gone to the football team when they defeated Pittsburg State University, but they didn't. We had the best chance of winning the Miner's Bowl this year, 4-0 going into the game, and then we lost, 50-12. We should have done better than just 12 points. I'm sorry, but no one gets this award this year. Maybe next year when we do thrash the Gorillas in the Miner's Bowl.

Biggest Southern Loss of the Year: This one has to be the resignations of Ron Faubion and Geoff VanDeusen, two coaches who have consistently proven their teams were quality. Faubion took his softball team deep into playoffs and then was asked to resign, the only response from administration was, "It's a personal issue." Why ask him to leave when his team was consistently improving every year?

Which brings us to VanDeusen, or "The Deuse," as I so nicknamed him, without his knowledge of course.

Although "The Deuse" didn't make an appearance in the post season, he did improve both the men's and women's soccer teams. When VanDeusen arrived in 2000, he started turning around the women's soccer team from a 1-16-1 season to a 5-11-0. This past year, the women's team finished 11-5-2. The men's soccer team went from 6-10-0 in 2000 to 8-10-1.

This voluntary resignation leaves both teams crippled for the fall season, but with the hiring of two new coaches, the teams may be able to handle the transition.

Whatever happens in the fall we'd like to wish all of our Southern teams all the luck they need and to always keep their stick on the ice.

LION STATS

Baseball

April 29 Results

MSSC 3 (26-22)

Player	ab	r	h	bi
Catanzaro cf	3	1	1	0
Hergenrother ph	1	0	0	0
Bronson rf	4	1	2	1
Hughes p/dh	5	0	1	1
Keister 3b	4	0	0	0
Taylor 1b	3	0	0	0
McMullen 2b	4	0	0	0
Techlin ss	4	1	2	0
Ritchie c	4	0	0	0
Schiller lf	3	0	1	0
Nonemaker 1b	1	0	0	0
Johnson p	0	0	0	0
Bates p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**3**	**7**	**2**

Arkansas 7 (31-12)

Player	ab	r	h	bi
Pitts lf	5	0	1	0
Bridges 2b	4	1	1	0
Pratt 1b	2	1	1	1
Fox cf/p	3	0	0	0
Wishy rf	3	1	2	0
Pyle dh	2	1	0	0
McConnell ph	1	1	1	1
Williams dh/cf	0	0	0	0
Hagedorn 3b	2	0	0	0
Toops ph/c	1	1	1	1
Kindle c	3	0	1	1
Goodwin ph/3b	1	1	1	3
Hode ss	0	0	0	0
Boyce p	0	0	0	0
Brannon p	0	0	0	0
Mobbs p	0	0	0	0
Vreka p	0	0	0	0
Hall p	0	0	0	0
Total	**31**	**7**	**9**	**7**

MSSC	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**7**	**0**
SBU	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**X**	**7**	**9**	**4**

E — Bridges (9); Wishy (1); Hagedorn (10); Hode (4). DP — Southern 2; Arkansas 2. LOB — Southern 9; Arkansas 6. 2B — Bronson, Z; Wishey (20); Kindle (5).HR— Hergenrother (2). HR — Goodwin (2).

Softball

April 22 Results — Game 2

MSSC 4 (22-23, 8-10)

Player	ab	r	h	bi
Woolard ss	3	1	2	0
Roe 2b	2	0	2	1
Reed rf	4	1	1	0
Allison p	4	0	2	1
Barrow c	4	0	0	0
Thirion 3b	4	1	2	0
Long 3b	4	1	2	1
Weston cf	2	0	1	1
Armilio 1b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**30**	**4**	**12**	**4**

Missouri Western 1 (16-30, 7-11)

Player	ab	r	h	bi
Hull c	4	1	1	2
Ketcham lf	3	0	1	0
Miller 2b	4	0	2	1
Martines dh/p	4	0	1	0
Overman, L ss	3	1	2	1
Overman, M 1b	3	1	1	0
O'Brien rf	3	0	1	0
Loncarioh pr	0	0	0	0
Crosswhite 3b	1	1	0	0
Bugni cf	3	0	1	0
Bott p	0	0	0	0
Brown p	0	0	0	0
Total	**28**	**4**	**10**	**3**

MSSC	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**2**
MWSC	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**7**	**2**

DB — Mo. Southern 1; Mo. Western 1. LOB — Mo. Southern 9; Mo. Western 3. 2B —Woolard, A 2; Allison, J; Long, L; Weston, K; Benash,S; Lindgren, A.. HR — Long, L. SH — Roe, L; Weston, K; Beverly, A. SB —Long, L; Curtis, V. CS — Long, L.

Golf

April 22 Results

MSSC (1/8)	902
Player	**Total**
Long	219
Carpenter	221
Koehler	229
Sinksen	236
Marks	249

Southern Schedule

Friday

Softball MIAA Tournament. Game time to be announced.
Noon - Softball MIAA tournament in Gladstone, MO. Game against CMSU

Saturday

Softball MIAA Tournament. Game time to be announced.
1 p.m. - Baseball game against Truman State University in Kirksville.
Track & Field MIAA Outdoor Championships Kirksville.
Noon - Baseball game against Truman State in Kirksville.

Sunday.

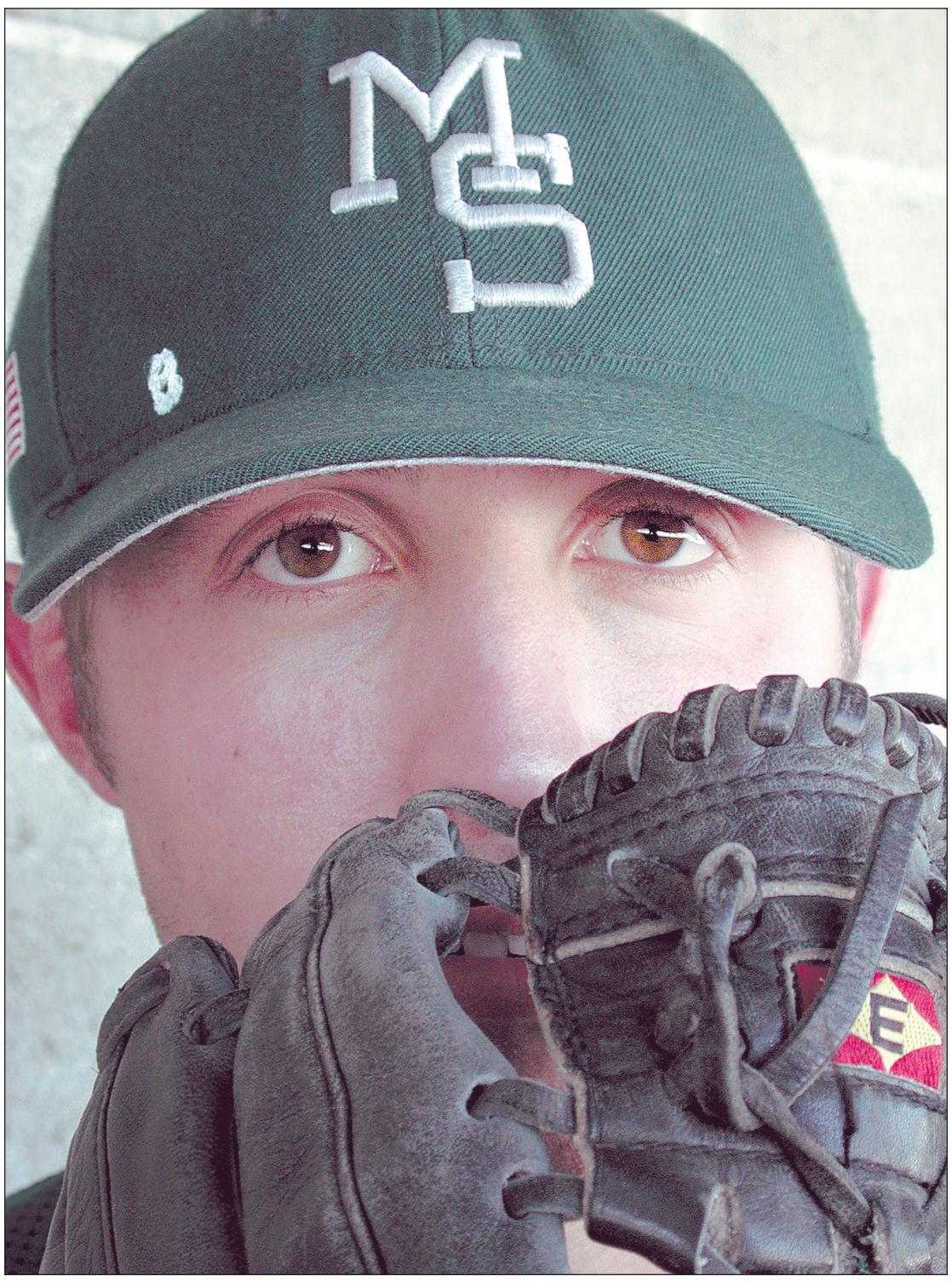
Noon - Lions Baseball game against Truman State in Kirksville.
Track & Field MIAA Outdoor Championships Kirksville.

Monday

Lions Golf competing in the Great Lakes/Central Super Regional at Silo Ridge Golf Course in Bolivar.

Tuesday

Lions Golf competing in the Great Lakes/Central Super Regional at Silo Ridge Golf Course in Bolivar.



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Give 'em the heater

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Pitcher bids farewell to Southern

BY KEITH ROBERTSON
Staff Writer

Senior leadership is important to any team. The Missouri Southern baseball team is no different, and with leaders like senior pitcher Nick Davis, the Lions consider themselves lucky.

With an overall record at Southern of 12-4 and an ERA in the mid-threes as of May 2, Davis was a real find for coach Warren Turner and the Lions.

After spending two years playing at Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa, Davis was looking for a place to play his final two years of college baseball. The fact he had suffered a back injury in his sophomore year left him with a short list of interested four-year colleges.

"My athletic director at Southwestern knew coach Turner, and he put in a good word for me," Davis said. "After that, I visited Southern, and I knew right off that this was the place for me."

Coming to Southern as a junior college transfer, Davis was looking forward to a higher level of competition and better overall instruction. He received more than he hoped for in that area saying the experienced Southern coaching staff and the MIAA competition was better than he could have imagined.

He had also been told Turner did not especially like signing transfer players, and his first year was a kind of trial for signing several transfers. He found himself in the new position of having to reestablish himself after two years of college baseball.

"I felt like even though I was one of the older players, I had to start all over and ease into the program, but players like Jeremy McMullen and Danny Pinkerton made it easy for me start over," Davis said. "Just through their excitement for the game, day in and day out, I felt like I was in a good place."

By the time the season was under way, some of the younger players on the team were looking up to Davis and going to him for help and advice.

The on-field transition was not the only one Davis had to make. He also found himself in a new town a long way from his home in Iowa. But he found that the families of the local players were willing to offer their friendship and open their homes to him.

"Being so far away from home, I would get a little homesick sometimes, and having those people there to welcome me in with open arms really helped me a lot," Davis said.

There are several experiences that stand out in Davis' memory. Among those is last year's conference game against Pitt State in which he held the Gorillas scoreless after the Lions fell behind early and eventually got the win.

"That game is the one game that really stands out, but what I will really take away from my experience here is family atmosphere that we have on the team," Davis said. "We are just so close, and Coach Turner really stressed that."

The only regret Davis has from his two years at Southern is he was unable to get more out of the weight program in his first year because of his back injury. He believes if he had that opportunity, it could have only helped him on the field.

For the future, Davis is hoping to get drafted in June, but if that does not work out for him, he will sign with an independent league team this summer. Either way, Davis intends to continue to play baseball and hopefully have a chance someday to give a little back to the program that has helped him out so much.

"I could not ask for anything more than what I got from Southern," Davis said.

"I learned more in two years here than I did in the previous six years because of the great coaching staff and my teammates. I only have good things to say about the team and the program. I was very lucky to get to play here."

Post season in question

BY KEITH ROBERTSON
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After losing its last five conference games, the Missouri Southern baseball team finds itself on the bubble for the MIAA tournament.

The Lions' last three losses came at the hands of Emporia State April 26 and-27. Those losses put Southern behind Missouri Western State College for the fourth and final tournament spot.

"We had a couple of close games that we came up short in, and in the third game, they just stuck it to us," said coach Warren Turner.

In game one against Emporia, Southern tied the game with a single run in the ninth. But sophomore Evan Bates was unable to hold the lead in the bottom of the ninth and took the 7-6 loss.

Senior Nick Davis started the game and gave up six runs in five innings. Junior Ross Bailey added three innings of scoreless relief in the loss.

Offensively the Lions were led by junior Mark Catanzaro and senior Sean Ritchie, who both went two for four with one RBI. Junior Justin McMullen added three hits and an RBI.

Game two was another close one. The Lions went into the bottom of the seventh inning with a 5-4 lead, but again the bullpen lost the lead, giving up five runs to lose the game 9-5.

Game three on April 27 was a 12-2 blowout of the Lions. Lions pitchers combined to allow 11 earned runs in 7.3 innings.

The Lions were led offensively by junior Zack Bronson with four hits and senior Mark Keister with two hits. The only scoring for the Lions came on a two-run home run by freshman Nathan Copher.

"We made it tough for ourselves to get to the conference tournament," said junior Nathan Hughes. "We will have to win our last three conference games, and Western will have to lose one of its last games for us to get in."

Southern now finds itself in a tough situation having to win out and count on Western losing at least one game.

"It is definitely doable on our part. We know we have to handle business and win three games," said senior Darin Nonemaker. "We just do not like to be in a situation where another team determines our fate."

If Southern does get to the tournament, it will have to face No. 1 Central Missouri State. But that does not worry the players one bit.

"Bring on Central," Nonemaker said. "They are the ones we want to beat and get out of the way early."

There is some good news for at least one Lion baseball player, though. Nathan Hughes, with his strong six-inning performance against the University of Arkansas on April 29, put himself in a good situation to be drafted in June.

"The Phillies have seemed the most interested, but it is still early," Hughes said. "If I get an offer, I'm definitely going to take it."

Turner thinks Hughes has a good shot of getting signed after his performance against Arkansas.

"He is left handed and a good athlete. He has a free and easy motion and shows potential so he is just what the scouts are looking for," Turner said.

Golf team putts to first in MIAA Championship

BY KRISTEN SMITH
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Finishing first in the MIAA Golf Championship was right where the Lions needed to land as they begin to wrap up their spring season.

Falling behind most of the season left the Lions frustrated but determined. The team spent April 28 and 29 in Lawrence, Kan., competing with the other eight golf teams in the division.

"It was a good tournament and we all contributed to the win. We have been having a tough time," said sophomore Andy Koehler.

With Washburn University leading in the golf division this season, the Lions needed a first place finish in the championship. They pulled through with first place but needed WU to land at fourth place. Washburn tied Central Missouri State University for second place. Winning first place put the Lions only one point behind WU for the season. In the end it all came down to one stroke.

"We played well as a team," said senior Mickey Carpenter. "We knew going into it that we had to win, and we went out and played well."

The Lions received a plaque and an automatic bid to the regional tournament in Bolivar for placing first."We won, which is awesome, because now we know we can do it," Koehler said.

The men are now focusing and practicing for regionals in hopes of a win that will take them to nationals.

"One of the big reasons why we all think that it's possible is because it's a course that we have played at least six times as a team," Koehler said. "We think that we have a really good chance, because we haven't peaked out yet."

Koehler placed ninth in the tournament but thinks he didn't play to his potential. He said that putting was his biggest struggle in the championship.

Senior Kyle Long placed first in the top 20 players with 219 strokes for both days.

"I think we are peaking right now, we are all playing better than we were," Carpenter said.

"If we play like we should then there isn't a team in our region that should beat us."

Although the team members have their minds on regionals and nationals, they are also looking to next season.

"We are losing three players, and that's a big hole to fill," Koehler said.

The team is now looking forward to receiving a new player and friend of Danny Sinksen. Koehler said the new player has completed all the paperwork to come here.

"He's coming from a winning program that is one of the top in the country," Koehler said.

"He should be a big help."

Carpenter will no longer be playing with the Lions as he graduates this month.

"They have some good young kids on the team," Carpenter said.

"They should be pretty good."